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The President's Views.

Representative Farwell, of Illinois, moderate inflationist and member of the Conference Committee, to-day called upon the President and had a long interview, in which he reviewed the action of the two Houses of Congress on the financial measures of the session, and stated what, in his opinion, would be the ultimatum of a compromise on the part of inflationists. Mr. F. before the conclusion of his observations, discovered that the President was more firmly convinced of the strength of his position on the finances, as assumed in his veto message, than even before he wrote it. Subsequently the President, in conversation, alluding to the efforts at a compromise, observed that the proposition of thirty-seven and one-half, or even forty per cent. of retirement of legal tenders would be no compromise. He said that, in the first place, the Senate Committee on Finance reported a bill which he would have accepted as a compromise, but in the Senate it was so materially changed in the interests of inflation, that it was most objectionable. In this shape it went to the House, and in the meantime the latter body passed a bill which was more objectionable than that which had emanated from the Senate, as it had no feature of redemption nor of retirement, though it did provide for free banking. The practical effect, he said, was the repeal of the provisions of the Senate bill, except in a few lines. The bill, he remarked, went to the Senate, and in the Committee of Finance a substitute was reported which was also unacceptable as a compromise, but that when this was reported to the Senate, that body struck out the acceptable provisions, and in this shape, he said, it reached the House and there failing to receive satisfactory action, went to the Committee of Conference. The action of that committee has not reached a solution which the President would be willing to accept. It is not expected that the inflationists will recede sufficiently from the position they have taken, and the President expressed himself determined not to give his approval to any financial measure except within the bounds already stated by him in his message. The President observed that, as far as the Executive is concerned, there would be no use in passing a bill such as has been indicated by the majority opinion of the two Houses.

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The Tariff Bill.

The Committee on Finance spent their entire session yesterday in listening to statements respecting the duties on tin, tin plates, di-chromate of potassa and jute. These investigations are closed, and it is expected that the bill will be reported in a few days. Nothing has been done to indicate the probable action of the Senate. Representative Starkweather and Commissioner Douglass will to-morrow appear before the committee on the item of taxation on gold sales. The former is the author of the provision.

The New Secretary of the Treasury,

in examining the internal administration of his department, discovered a number of men and women on the rolls and performing no duty. If the civil service reform dissuasals be made out at once. It would be well, at the same time, if the Secretary would publish the names of the members of Congress who secured their appointment.

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New Cabinet Commission.

It is stated that the Secretary of the Interior contemplates proposing a new Indian Commission, to take the place of the old one just resigned. It is further said that the new Commission will be composed entirely of Quakers, in order to give them a full opportunity to demonstrate the practicability of their method of dealing with the Indian tribes. It will be remembered that, pending the preparation of the Indian Appropriation bill, it was proposed to invest the late Commission with certain powers in the management of Indian affairs, and the committee had so far acted as to introduce a provision giving the Commission supreme control in making contracts for supplies. The Secretary of the Interior, however, opposed this, on the ground of interfering with his authority over his department, and the provision was cancelled.

Another Reform in the Treasury Department

proposed by the new Secretary, is the consolidation of the supernumerary bureaus established by Boutwell. This will restore business to its legitimate channels.

The Republican Caucus

to-night passed the usual resolution instructing the delegates of the State to name a member to serve on the Congressional Campaign Committee. No other business was transacted. Mr. Kelley moved to abolish the Congressional Committee, for the reason that he did not believe in continuing a committee to distribute documents representing the views of only a fraction of the party; that on the finances there was a diversity of opinions, and it would not be fair to have only one side represented. The recipe was made that Congress should frame on the subject mentioned; that the Republican party would go on fulfilling its mission. When the motion was put, it did not receive a second, and Mr. Kelley himself changing his mind on the subject.

The Civil Rights Bill.

The advocates of the Civil Rights bill met with another defeat to-day. Mr. Butler, of Massachusetts, made his usual weekly motion to take up the Senate bill and refer it to the Judiciary Committee, but a two-third vote could not be obtained. Last week only eight Representatives voted against the bill; to-day the number voting against it was increased to twelve, and three or four of those voting on the former occasion were not present to-day and are not recorded. Forty-seven Republicans and fifteen Democrats were absent. One reason of the opposition, is the belief that the President will veto the bill. His friends do not wish to force this issue upon him. It is clear that no two-third vote can be had, and therefore the only chance for the friends of the bill, is to have a morning hour, after which they may go to business on the Speaker's table, when a majority vote would take up the Senate bill.

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PRESIDENTIAL VIEWS ON FINANCE—EXTRACTS FROM GRANT'S MESSAGE.

Senator Jones has obtained permission from President Grant to publish the following memorandum prepared by the latter, expressing his views upon the finance question: "I believe it," says the President, "to be high and plain duty to return to a specie basis at the earliest practicable day, not only in compliance with legislative and party pledges, but as a step indispensable to lasting national prosperity. I believe, further, that the time has come when this can be done, or at least began, with less embarrassment to every branch of industry than at any future time, after—resort has been had to unstable and temporary expedients to postpone unreal prosperity and speculation on a basis other than coin as the recognized medium of exchange throughout the commercial world. The particular mode selected to bring about the restoration of a specie standard is not of so much consequence provided an adequate plan be devised. The time fixed when currency shall be exchangeable for coin as per the plan adopted rigidly adhered to. It is not probable that any legislation suggested by me would prove acceptable to the majorities of Congress, and, indeed a full discussion might shake my own faith in the details of any plan. I might propose: 1st, to borrow, venture to state the general features of the action which seems to me advisable and the financial platform on which I would stand, and any departure from which would be in a spirit of concession and harmony as between the conflicting opinions.

First, I would like to see the legal tender clause, so-called, repealed, the repeal to take effect at a future time, say July 1, 1875. This would cause all contracts made after that date for wages, sales, etc., to be estimated in coin. The specie dollar would be notice of value. The specie dollar would be the only dollar known as the measure of equivalents. When debts were contracted, they were paid in currency, instead of calling the paper dollar a dollar and quoting gold at a fluctuating premium, we should have to speak of paper as at so much discount. This alone would add greatly to bringing the two currencies nearer together at first.

Second, I would like to see a provision that, at a fixed day, say 1880 or 1881, no bonds issued by the United States should be redeemed in coin on presentation to any assistant Treasurer, and that all currency so redeemed should be cancelled and never reissued.

To effect this, it would be necessary to authorize the issue of bonds, payable in gold, bearing such interest as would command par in gold, to be put out by the Treasury only in such sums as should from time to time be needed for the purpose of redemption. Such legislation would insure a return to sound financial principles in two years, and would, in my judgment, be the best means to relieve the debtor interest than is likely to come from putting off the day of final resumption. It must be borne in mind, too, that the creditor interest had its day of disadvantage also, when depreciated currency was being brought in by the supreme needs of the nation at the time.

I would further provide that from and after the date fixed for redemption, no bills, whether of national banks or of the United States returned to the Treasury to be exchanged for new bills, should be replaced by bills of less denomination than ten dollars, and that in one year after resumption, all bills of less than five dollars should be withdrawn from circulation, and in two years all bills of less than ten dollars should be withdrawn. The advantage of this would be stated as an ever ready reserve against the time of depression resulting from war, failure of crops or any other cause, by keeping always in the hands of the people a large supply of precious metals. With all smaller transactions conducted in coin, many millions of it would be kept in constant use and, of course prevented from leaving the country. Undoubtedly a poorer currency will always drive the better out of circulation. With paper as a legal tender and at a discount, gold and silver become articles of merchandise as much as wheat or cotton; the surplus will find the best market it can. With small bills in circulation, there is no use for coin, except to keep it in the vaults of banks to redeem circulation. During periods of great speculation and apparent prosperity, there is little demand for coin; and then it will flow out to a market where it can be made to earn something, which it cannot do while lying idle. Gold, like anything else, when not needed, becomes a surplus, and like every other surplus, if seeks a market where it can find one. By giving active employment to coin, however, its presence can, it seems to me, be secured in all depressions which have occurred periodically in times of nominal specie payments, if they cannot be wholly prevented, can at least be greatly mitigated. Indeed, I question whether it would have been found necessary to depart from the standard of specie in the trying days which gave birth to the first legal tender act, had the country taken the ground of no small bills as early as 1866.

Again, I would provide an excess of revenue over current expenditures. I would do this by rigid economy and by taxation, where taxation would be least felt. Indeed revenues would work a constant reduction of the debt and interest, and would provide coin to meet the demands on the treasury for the redemption of its notes, thereby diminishing the amount of bonds needed for that purpose. All taxes after redemption begins, should be paid in coin or United States notes. This would tend to redemption on an annual basis. With measures like these, or measures which would work out such results, I would have no hesitancy in authorizing free banking without limit.

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RESIGNATION OF THE INDIAN COMMISSIONERS.

Felix R. Brunot, Robert Campbell, Nathan Bishop, William L. Dodge, John V. Farwell and George H. Stuart, the remaining members of the Indian Commission originally appointed, have united in a letter to President Grant resigning their offices. After congratulating the President for his adherence to the Indian policy announced in his inaugural address, and expressing the hope that the present success of that policy may make it permanent, they say: "While we do not deem it necessary to present all the reasons why we have decided to resign, we may say that should Congress continue the Board of Indian Commissioners as indicated in the Indian Appropriation bill which has already passed the House of Representatives, viz: 'With all the duties imposed by existing laws, and requiring in regard to the examination of accounts, contracts and vouchers that all such accounts and vouchers shall hereafter be performed in the city of Washington' we could not accept the duty. First, because under existing laws the recurring duties of the members of the Board by the Interior Department would be practically the whole labor of examining and deciding upon accounts and vouchers as useless as it is arduous and vexatious; and second, because none of us can remove to Washington to perform the duty. Experience has shown that a Board of Indian Commissioners, clothed with proper authority and acting in co-operation with the Interior Department, but not under its direction or control, can hardly maintain harmonious relations with that department on the other hand, a board so constituted and under the influence or control of the Interior or Indian Department, would be a comparatively useless appendage to the service." The letter is closed by an expression of the cordial co-operation of the Commissioners to receive all the civilization necessary for the welfare and safety of the frontier settlements, and all the Christianization needful to their salvation.

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BUSINESS MEETING.

In the afternoon the business meeting of the Association was held in the Court House, President Curtin in the chair. The address of welcome, delivered by General James A. Beaver, and a song, composed for the occasion by Mr. Joseph W. Fury, were vociferously applauded. The oration of Colonel R. A. McCoy was a most creditable effort. Colonel McCoy revived many recollections of other days well nigh forgotten. He stated this fact, not generally known, to wit: That while the Reserves fired the first shot of the army of the Potomac, the first flag of truce received from General Lee at Appomattox Court House was through the pickets of the veteran Reserves. Speeches were made by Colonel Mann, of Philadelphia, and Governor Curtin. While they were speaking, Colonel John W. Forney, of the Philadelphia *Press* entertained the thousands who could not get inside, with an able and eloquent speech. Never was such enthusiasm displayed, and especially when the speakers referred in a kindly manner to the services of Governor Curtin during the dances of General Beaver, who lost a leg in the service, could not have been of a more fraternal character.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Governor Curtin was re-elected President of the association. The following additional officers were re-elected: Vice Presidents, Colonel William B. Mann, Captain William McClelland, General John P. Taylor; Secretary, Charles De Benneville Keenan; Treasurer, Colonel Chill Hazzard; Executive Committee, J. K. Killinger, etc. The convention then adjourned to meet at Williamsport this day week, when General Martin D. Hardin, of Chicago, was elected orator, with General Jesse Merrill as alternate.

SPEECHES AT GOVERNOR CURTIN'S HOUSE.

Subsequently the procession reformed and, after parading a short time, halted in front of Governor Curtin's elegant residence, where speeches were delivered by that gentleman, Col. Forney, Hon. L. W. Mackey, Chaplain Beale and Gen. Hardin, Marshal.

IN THE EVENING

the display of fireworks was the grandest ever seen outside of Philadelphia. At this time the different townships were marching into town with distinguished visitors, of whom there are a large number. This demonstration shows what an affection exists for Pennsylvania's great war Governor among the people who know him best. There was no disturbance on the streets (Bellefonte being a local option town), and no such disorderly conduct as generally manifests itself on such occasions. But three of the Reserves soldiers were present from Western Pennsylvania.

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NEW ORLEANS, June 8.—Governor Kellogg, to-day, sent the following message to General Belknap, Secretary of War: "The Relief Committee report that the suffering from the overflow remains unabated in the Atchofologa, Lafourche and Bayou Teche districts, though there is some abatement on the banks of the Mississippi. The committee are issuing fully forty thousand rations daily, and in some districts are compelled to restrict their relief to women and children, even where work is not attainable for the able bodied. If the general government would order the issue of twenty thousand daily rations from the first appropriation, it would avert much suffering."

APROPOS to clubs, the latest New York idea is a "Church Club." Here is, indeed, a capital idea. It is proposed to secure a comfortable club house, or room, where all the papers will be kept on file, a library instituted, and restaurant facilities provided. Its membership is not to be entirely local, but clergymen and others residing out of town will be admitted on election and the payment of a regular fee. It is believed that such an institution will be found of great benefit to country clergymen and others visiting the city. The experiment has been tried successfully in other cities, and there is no reason why it should not succeed in Gotham. At all events, the experiment will be tried.

XLIII. CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6, 1874.

SENATE.

Mr. THURMAN presented a resolution from the Toledo Board of Trade in favor of the reciprocity treaty with the Dominion of Canada. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. SCOTT, from the Committee on Finance, reported a substitute for the House bill to authorize medals commemorative of the one hundredth anniversary of the first meeting of the Continental Congress and the Declaration of Independence. Passed.

Mr. DAVIS presented a memorial of the citizens of Jefferson county, West Virginia, asking for an equalization of taxes on national and State banks. Referred.

Mr. THURMAN, from the Judiciary Committee, reported with amendments, the Senate bill authorizing any Circuit Judge to designate the time of holding District or Circuit courts, and to designate a District Judge to attend and hold court in a district not his own. Passed.

Mr. WEST called up the Senate bill for the better organization of the District Courts of the United States within the State of Louisiana. Passed—yeas 34, nays 16.

Mr. BUCKINGHAM, from the Committee on Commerce reported favorably on the bill to provide for the establishment of life-saving stations and houses of refuge upon the sea and lake coasts of the United States, and to promote the efficiency of the life-saving service. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. WRIGHT, from the Judiciary Committee, reported with amendments the bill providing for the collection of money due the United States from the Pacific Railroad Company. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN reported favorably on the House bill fixing the time for the election of Representatives from the State of Pennsylvania to the Forty-fourth Congress. Passed.

The morning hour having expired, the CHAIR called up unfinished business, being the bill to provide for the sale of sixty copies of public documents and for the distribution of regular official editions thereof.

Mr. MERRIMON offered an amendment authorizing Senators and Members to frank the documents now appertaining to the bill.

Mr. SHERMAN said it was evident that the bill could not be passed without debate, and he therefore moved that it be laid aside, and that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill to amend the customs revenue laws and to repeal moieties.

Mr. LOGAN asked that Wednesday next, after the conclusion of the morning hour, be devoted to the consideration of bills from the Committee on Military Affairs. Agreed to.

The motion of Mr. Sherman was agreed to, and the Moiety bill was taken up.

Mr. EDMUNDS offered an amendment of the Finance Committee, inserted as the fifth section, which authorizes the United States Attorney to examine the books, invoices or papers of defendants. In his opinion it impaired the constitutional rights of a citizen to compel him to criminate himself.

Mr. SHERMAN argued that the proposition was of very little importance in the matter of the rights of the citizen, neither did it compel him to criminate himself, but only protected the government.

Mr. CAMERON said the idea of seizing the books and papers of merchants was horrible, and he would not vote for any such proposition.

Mr. WRIGHT advocated the adoption of the amendment and said the bill would be of no use without it. The continual interference or improper persecution of the merchant, as he says, were not to be produced without an order from court.

Mr. SCOTT thought no honest merchant would object to the provision, and would do away with the onerous feature of anything like arbitrary seizure. The object of the committee had been to establish a system of such a case as that of Phelps, Dodge & Co., and other cases where the invoices by which dishonest importers could not evade their dues to the government.

Mr. EDMUNDS said that upon the general question of moieties he had expressed an official opinion more than twenty years ago and in annual report as Secretary, in 1870, he submitted to Congress a bill for the abolition of the moiety system, and repeated in its passage. He still adhered to the opinion that the moiety system was a bad one, and ought to be abolished. He thought the proposed section a judicious one, and he would support it. He had no judgment to express in regard to the character and conduct of the firm of Phelps, Dodge & Co., mentioned in the course of the discussion, but wished to lay before the Senate certain facts as to the severity what was done in reference to the claims the government had made against that firm. The vindictiveness of the course of the administration was of more consequence than the vindication of any private person. One who had been employed by the firm went to a special agent of the Treasury and told him that he had evidence of undervaluation of goods imported by the house of Phelps, Dodge & Co. He subsequently appeared before the grand jury, and when those documents were compared with the books of the firm they were found to know him best. There was no disturbance on the streets (Bellefonte being a local option town), and no such disorderly conduct as generally manifests itself on such occasions. But three of the Reserves soldiers were present from Western Pennsylvania.

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NEW

Weekly Commercial.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1874.

THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

The Republicans of this county Yesterday held fourteen several Conventions, for the nomination of a county ticket. This was a severe strain to put upon the party, but it came through it all, safely, and may congratulate itself, to-day, upon having succeeded in making generally acceptable nominations. There are exceptions, but they are not numerous, and the dissatisfaction is probably less than is usual upon such occasions.

As was anticipated by every one, the Congressional conventions nominated General NEGLEY in the Twenty-second district and Hon. THOMAS M. BAYNE in the Twenty-third. Mr. BAYNE is the present District Attorney, and has done yeoman service, heretofore, in the Republican ranks, as did also his competitor. Either of them was acceptable, and the people having decided in favor of Mr. BAYNE, he is fairly entitled to the party support.

For the Senate, in the three districts which elect this fall, HUGH MCNEILL has been nominated in the Allegheny district, MILES S. HUMPHREYS on the South Side, and JOHN C. NEWMYER in the Middle district. These are all creditable nominations. We have before spoken, as highly as we knew how, of both Messrs. HUMPHREYS and NEWMYER. They have both rendered efficient service at Harrisburg, and both have well deserved the unanimous nominations they have received. Mr. MCNEILL is somewhat new to the political arena, but is a very worthy, solid and clear-headed man. He has been a hardworking, faithful Republican, and our Allegheny friends have made a good selection in choosing him. His competitor was an equally worthy and deserving man, and the closeness of the vote shows how difficult it was to choose between two such excellent candidates.

For the Legislature, in the First district, the men chosen are Messrs. GERWIG, LONG and GRAHAM. Mr. GERWIG was a member last winter, and won the especial regard of all who knew him. He was patient, attentive and industrious; and his experience will qualify him for greater usefulness next winter. Mr. LONG has been an active Republican for many years, is intelligent, judicious and trusty, and will make an excellent representative. Mr. GRAHAM is a young merchant, engaged in the leather trade, and is spoken of very highly by all who know him. Altogether, Allegheny has a good legislative ticket, and one sure of success.

In the Second district, composed of the lower wards of the city, the nominees are JAMES N. OSBLOW and CHARLES JEREMY. Mr. OSBLOW was the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Constitutional Convention, and has spent a number of winters at Harrisburg in the capacity of correspondent of several newspapers. He is familiar with all the details of legislation; and being gifted with intelligence, sound judgment and discretion, he is well qualified for the duties of a legislator. Mr. JEREMY represents the Welsh element in our population, is very popular and well known, and has had sufficient experience in City Councils to qualify him for legislative life. He is a man of intelligence, uprightness and integrity, and will make a good representative.

In the Third district, which is Democratic, no nomination was made; but in the Fourth the great struggle of the day came off. Mr. WAINWRIGHT, one of the old members, was renominated, and Messrs. D. B. MORRISON, JAMES LARIMER and Dr. MCCORD were nominated along with him. Mr. WAINWRIGHT has served two sessions, and has the experience and the intelligence necessary to make him a good legislator. Mr. MORRISON is a rising young lawyer of the city. Mr. LARIMER served as an officer of the House last winter, and Dr. MCCORD is one of the prominent young men of the South Side. All these gentlemen are commended to us strongly by those who know them best as in every way deserving of support.

In the Fifth district, Messrs. CHRISTY and SAMPLE were nominated. Mr. CHRISTY was a member last winter, and served faithfully, and Mr. SAMPLE has had two years' experience as a member of the House in former years. Both gentlemen are therefore well qualified for the places to which they have been named.

In the Sixth district, Mr. YOUNG, who has served two years very successfully, was renominated, and Mr. ARCHIBALD, of Union township, was nominated with him. Mr. ARCHIBALD is a miner, and Secretary of the Miners' Association. He is, besides, a local Methodist preacher, and a very good one, at that. His nomination is peculiarly gratifying to the miners, and Mr. ARCHIBALD being a man of excellent attainments, is in all respects a good selection.

Take it all in all, the legislative ticket is a very good one, and we trust it will prove acceptable to our party friends.

The nomination for Judge of the Orphans' Court was very fittingly and deservingly bestowed on WILLIAM G. HAWKINS, Jr., Esq. His practice, as a member of the bar, has qualified him, in a peculiar degree, for this special position, and he is, emphatically, the right man in the right place. The position has become, and will be, one of considerable importance; and it is a matter of congratulation that one so worthy has been found to fill it.

For District Attorney, E. A. MONTOOTH, Esq., was nominated, and J. MCQUAIDE, Esq., for Assistant. Both of these young gentlemen are lawyers of recognized ability, and are both possessed of the qualifications necessary for their place. They have both been earnest and hard workers in the party, and being both popular and qualified, cannot fail of an election.

For Commissioner, GEORGE W. WEDDELL, of Versailles township, was nominated. He is a very excellent and competent man; but as the Constitution says that the first election for Commissioner shall be in 1875, it was hardly worth while to nominate a candidate for that office.

For Director of the Poor HENRY CHALFANT, Esq., of Wilkins, was chosen. He is now serving in the board, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of JAMES G. MURRAY, Esq., and the selection is, in all respects, a creditable one.

We feel certain we could have bettered this ticket, in several important respects, if the matter had been at our disposal; but we are not inclined to complain because we could not have all our preferences gratified, and are content to submit to the expressed wishes of those to whom the task was entrusted. It would have been much better, we are satisfied, if these nominations had not been made until a later date; but as they are made, and are seemingly satisfactory, nothing remains but to support them with the usual energy and effort.

CONGRESS has marked out the true policy in ordering governmental surveys of all the proposed transportation routes from the West to the East, before committing itself to the work of opening those routes. If these surveys are fairly and faithfully made, we are satisfied that the estimated cost of them will frighten the country from ever attempting them. We say "them," because it is certain that no *one* of them can be adopted to the exclusion of the rest, and that all will have to be taken together to secure the needed support. The lowest estimate for them is $10,000,000; and it probably will probably be nearer the actual mark. It is not at all likely that any such costly project can succeed.

At the same time, Congress has ordered the survey of a ship canal from the Mississippi to the ocean, large enough for ships drawing twenty-five feet. This, also, is a stepin the right direction. That is a work which the government should undertake before any other is thought of; and if that canal can be built and made practicable, the necessity for the other routes will measurably be done away with.

AN IMPORTANT bankrupt decision has just been rendered by Chief Justice WAITE, sitting in the United States Circuit Court at Richmond, Virginia, to the effect that the amendment to the bankrupt bill, passed in 1873, was unconstitutional, and therefore null and void. The petitioner for the benefit of the bankrupt laws was formerly editor of the Hagerstown *Mail*. He was indebted to several persons in Hagerstown and Chambersburg, upon contracts entered into before his removal to Virginia, and before the new Constitution of that State, providing a homestead exemption of two thousand dollars, had been adopted. The intent of the act of 1873 was to give petitioners for the benefit of the bankrupt law an opportunity to plead this homestead reservation in bar of debts contracted before the Constitution of 1869, and the exemption laws passed in pursuance thereof, had gone into effect. Judge WAITE held the act of 1873 to be void, and decided the Hagerstown judgments, afterwards recorded in Virginia, to be liens on the bankrupt's estate.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

FOR CONGRESS—TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT,
GEN. JAMES S. NEGLEY, Pittsburgh.

FOR CONGRESS—TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT,
COL. THOMAS M. BAYNE, Allegheny.

FOR STATE SENATE—FORTY-SECOND DISTRICT,
HUGH MCNEILL, Allegheny.

FOR STATE SENATE—FORTY-FOURTH DISTRICT,
HON. JNO. C. NEWMYER, Wilkins Township.

FOR STATE SENATE—FORTY-FIFTH DISTRICT,
HON. MILES S. HUMPHREYS, Pittsburgh.

FOR ASSEMBLY—FIRST DISTRICT,
HENRY M. LONG,
W. P. GRAHAM,
HENRY GERWIG.

FOR ASSEMBLY—SECOND DISTRICT,
JAMES ONSLOW,
CHARLES JEREMY.

FOR ASSEMBLY—FOURTH DISTRICT,
D. B. MORRISON,
S. J. WAINWRIGHT,
J. P. MCCORD,
JAMES LARIMER.

FOR ASSEMBLY—FIFTH DISTRICT,
B. C. CHRISTY, Sewickley,
H. K. SAMPLE.

FOR ASSEMBLY—SIXTH DISTRICT,
A. B. YOUNG,
GEORGE ARCHBALD.

FOR JUDGE ORPHANS' COURT,
W. G. HAWKINS, Jr., Wilkins Township.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
E. A. MONTOOTH, Pittsburgh.

FOR ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
JOHN MCQUAIDE, Etna.

FOR COMMISSIONER,
G. W. WEDDELL, McKeesport Borough.

FOR DIRECTOR OF THE POOR,
HENRY R. CHALFANT.

POLITICAL.

State.

At the meeting of the Lancaster county Republican Committee on Monday, the new rules for governing nominations were adopted, and will be submitted to a vote of the people at the primary elections on the 20th of the present month. Under the new rules the party abandons the Crawford county system, and returns to delegate conventions.

The Greensburg *Argus* issues an extra, giving the results of the Democratic primary election in Westmoreland county. We give the footings: Congress—Latta, 2,301; Turney, 3,177; State Senate—Clarke, 3,837; Woods, 1,627; Assembly—McLean, 2,830; Arnold, 2,140; Kline, 2,262; Toner, 3,010; Piper, 2,640; Haggerty, 1,983; Sheriff —McCune, 306; Guffey, 2,668; Borlin, 1,232; Kettering, 951; Clifford, 381; District Attorney—Kline, 1,503; Harvey, 2,423; Gill, 1,356; Commissioner—Barron, 1,542; Butterfield, 1,498; West, 1,540; Heipie, 101; Freeman, 766; Poor Director—Eisaman, 1,114; Holtzer, 1,656; Johnston, 2,478; Auditor—Lawson, 1,938; Dick, 1,938.

In response to the demand of the Erie county Republican Committee for a new deal in the matter of Congressional nominations in that district, by which that county would come in for a larger number of conferees, the Republican Committee of Warren county adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Republican County Committee of Warren county, having considered the proposition of the Erie Republican County Committee, they deem it inexpedient and unwise at this time to go into conference with the other counties, for the purpose of raising the question of representation, altering or changing the mode of nominating a candidate for Congress in this district; that the usage of the Republican party for a long time has established the rule which has now become a law: fixing the number of delegates at three from each county, and the mode of nominating a candidate; and that we do not feel authorized to depart from the law so established, until directed by the Republican party of this county through their county convention.

General.

Among the names mentioned as the possible successor of Carl Schurz in the United States Senate from Missouri, is that of General Shields, with whom Mr. Lincoln once came very near fighting a duel, and who was United States Senator from Illinois some twenty years ago.

The Buffalo *Express* asks these pertinent questions: "Is it not a little gauzy in Republican papers to commend the appointment of Democrats by a Republican Executive, on the grounds of 'fairness and nonpartizanship?' Is that the correct principle, why not advocate putting none but Democrats in nomination by Republican conventions? What business has a party paying to be nonpartizan anyway?"

It is said that the surest way of securing the perpetual ascendancy of the Republican party is to give the Democrats an occasional lease of power. The doing of evil, that good may come, is a bold and doubtful experiment. The Republicans of Delaware county tried it last fall, and now that the lease they granted has expired, there is no likelihood that they will renew it.—*Delaware County Republican.*

Tobacco Smoke Good for the Teeth.

It is not only fair on tobacco to point out that it is gradually clearing itself from many of the serious charges brought against it. It has been proved and persistently alleged that among other ill effects (besides death and madness) produced by tobacco is destruction of the teeth. This, it appears, is quite a mistake. Instead of tobacco causing the teeth to decay, it is the very best thing in the world for them, and those who wish to preserve their teeth should immediately take to smoking, if they have not already indulged in the habit. At a lecture on teeth, laughing gas and electricity as connected with the dental surgery, delivered last month in London by Mr. Thomas Brown, the lecturer observed that it was popularly considered that the practice of smoking deteriorated the teeth. "There could," he added, "be no greater fallacy. It was true that it sometimes discolored the teeth, but it did not cause decay; on the contrary" it prevented decay on account of the disinfecting properties of tobacco smoke." This leaves the British Anti-Tobacco Association and other kindred bodies in a very disagreeable position, for it destroys all confidence in the awful predictions they are in the habit of uttering as to the fate of smokers. If tobacco does not injure the teeth, there is in fact good for them, perhaps it does not shorten life, but is even favorable to longevity.—*Every Saturday.*

Co-Operative Associations.

The New York *Bulletin* notes the slow headway of the co-operative principle in this country, as compared with its progress and popularity in England. It has mostly failed here. If, we quote, co-operation were general, the trades unions, as middlemen between employer and employed, would be crowded to the wall; for then the workingmen would be in a position to make their own contracts and regulate wages and hours of labor to suit themselves. There are 746 organizations now in operation in the United Kingdom, numbering 359,587 members. The share capital amounted at the end of 1872 to £2,784,000, and the sums of £10,176,000 were paid, and £11,576,000 received during the year in cash for goods. The disposable net profit amounted to £807,748. The cause in part of the failure of most of the co-operative societies in this country is, the editor thinks, that everybody wants to be "boss," and the man of few talents insists upon perfect equality with the man who has many.

The President of the Boston Common Council, in a recent lecture upon leather, presented the following useful statistics:

During the year 1870, there were in the United states 2,327 tanneries and 3,083 currying establishments, employing 30,811 men and using 1,255,340 cords of bark. A capital of $85,024,290 was invested in the business, and the aggregate sum of $12,088,-530 was paid as wages to workmen. Mr. Hill further stated that while the value of the iron business in the United States in 1870 was less than $100,000,000, of the cotton trade less than $178,000,000, of woolen goods less than $208,000,000, the value of the leather business exceeded $286,000,000. The tanning business in Massachusetts was onsurpassed by New York and Pensylvania. In the currying business, Massachusetts was vastly ahead of all other States, employing more than one-third of the men, and engaging more than one-fourth of, the capitol in the business in this country. Of 196 currying establishments in Massachusetts, 49 were in Salem and 31 in Peabody. In 1873 New York and Boston received 3,444,778 hides, including 147,346 from Mexico, principally from those of Texas. In 1873 Salem received 17,327 cords of bark, and Peabody 14,577 cords, requiring 2,329 cars or a train seventeen miles in length for transportation. In currying hides, Mr. Hill said they were haneled no less than 81 times before the leather was ready for the market.

It now seems to be pretty generally conceded that the disasters to the sugar, rice and cotton crops in the South will not be as serious as we were at first led to expect. In most of the large cotton districts the water has sufficiently subsided to allow replanting to commence. If the new plant can be got in by the 15th of June the prospect will be encouraging. The rich alluvial deposits will strengthen and hasten the growth both of the cane and cotton plant. Rice, of course, will not be greatly injured if the large volume of water is speedily removed from it. Precisely such a condition of things prevailed in 1858 and 1859, and the cotton crops of those years are without precedent in extent of yield and firmness of texture. There is time yet for recruitment and the prevalent apprehension of an inadequate supply in our principal stables seem to have been entirely premature.

During the year ending May 31, the total revenue of New Hampshire from all sources was $740,062 24, and the total expenditure, including interest on the debt, $434,491 82, leaving a surplus of $305,570 42.

WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 9, 1874.

Freedman's Savings Bank.

Fred. Douglass, the President, and a number of the Trustees of the Freedman's Savings Bank, made a statement of the business of their bank to-day before Senator Scott, appointed for that purpose by the Committee of Conference. The Trustees, after stating the condition of the bank, expressed a wish to be permitted to wind up its affairs and to resume on a new basis. The Senate favor winding up the bank at once, and the House favor letting it run on for a year and then wind up. Senator Scott will report the result of to-day's hearing to the Committee.

The Steamboat Bill.

Senator Chandler still expects to be able to obtain the consent of the Committee on Commerce to report the Steamboat bill to the Senate, so that it can be placed upon the calendar. It is believed that the bill cannot pass this session, though if before the Senate it may be discussed.

The New Currency Bill.

It is said to-night by Senators and members apparently advised, that the President will accept the new bill reported by the Currency Conference Committee, with thirty-seven and a half per cent. retirement.

The Steam Boiler Commission

Are making preparations to resume their experiments in boiler explosions. There is still a balance of fifty thousand dollars of the original appropriation which, with the material and appliances on hand, will suffice for two more series of experiments. The Chairman of the Commission states that the experiments at Sandy Hook will begin July 1st, and at Pittsburgh a few weeks later. The Commission propose to erect a standard steam gauge and require all manufacturers to conform to this. It was developed in the experiments of last year, that a variation from five to ten pounds occurred in the gauges. It is believed that the only way to remedy this, is to have a standard by which all gauges must be tested. The standard will consist of a column of mercury one hundred and fifty feet high and one inch in diameter, with a graduated scale, and will test eight hundred pounds. All gauges will have to conform to this, and manufacturers will be compelled to furnish a certificate with each gauge, that it is of standard quality. The government standard will be placed in one of the towers of the Smithsonian building, the Secretary of that institution having consented.

The Arkansas Investigation.

Two witnesses from Arkansas, Messrs. Gage and Howard, were examined to-day before Judge Poland's Select Committee on Government affairs in that State. They testified that nine-tenths of the people of the State were perfectly well satisfied with the present form of government as recognized by the President, and that to recommit the State to the terror that prevailed under the Brooks Government would be most disastrous to all the interests of the State. Thus far the special committee have taken the testimony of a number of citizens of Congress, and all agree that the existing government should be recognized and retained.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 10, 1874.

The Moiety Bill.

as finally passed by the Senate to-night, is substantially in the same condition as reported by the Finance Committee. The letter of A. T. Stewart, no doubt, influenced the Senate in reconsidering its determination not to insert the clause requiring the production of books and papers. Owing to the efforts of Mr. Conkling, the friends of the informers, so far as pending cases are concerned, have also been provided for.

New Minister to Berlin.

The resignation of Mr. Bancroft as Minister to Berlin having been announced some time since, the President to-day nominated as his successor Hon. Andrew D. White, Secretary of State, to fill the vacancy. Mr. Bancroft has purchased the fine residence of ex-Senator Harlan, in this city, and will pass the remainder of his years, already three score and ten, in writing the concluding volumes of his history of the United States. The archives of the government and the great library of the United States afford very facility for his work.

Printing the "Globe."

The Senate Committee on Printing to-day heard what Rives and Bailey, late publishers of the *Congressional Globe*, had to say on the printing of the debates of Congress. These parties have been soreheaded ever since the work was transferred to the Government Printing Office and have trumped up every variety of charge against Congressional printer Clapp, in hopes of influencing Congress to rescind the work in order to avoid and excessive cost. As Mr. Bailey has charged Mr. Clapp with a discrepancy of forty-nine thousand dollars, the committee will have to look through the accounts, according to party rules, and will do all it can to secure a election of my successful competitor, and the triumphant election of the entire Republican ticket.

Very respectfully,
DAVID KIRK.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTIONS.

W. G. Hawkins, Esq., for Judge of the Orphans' Court.

E. A. Montooth, Esq., for District Attorney, and John McQuaide, Esq., for Assistant.

Mr. G. W. Weddell for Commissioner, and Henry R. Chalfant for Director of the Poor.

Senatorial and Representative Delegates to the State Convention, Etc., Etc.

Gen. James S. Negley and Col. Thos. M. Bayne for Congress.

Messrs. Hugh McNeill. John C. Newmyer and Miles S. Humphries for State Senate.

Messrs. Henry M. Long, W. P. Graham, Henry Gerwig, James Onslow, Chas. Jeremy, D. B. Morrison, S. J. Wainwright, J. P. McCord, James Larimer, B. C Christy, H K. Sample, A. B. Young and George Archbold for the House of Representatives.

The delegates chosen on Saturday last, to the several Republican nominating conventions assembled on Tuesday morning, at the respective places of meeting, as designated in the call of the County Executive Committee. It is needless to say that there was an unusual degree of interest manifested in regard to the result. In some of the Legislative Conventions, and in those for District Attorney and County Commissioner, there were animated contests. The Congressional and Senatorial nominations were easily effected, as was also the nomination for Judge of the Orphans' Court. Below will be found the proceedings of the several conventions:

CONGRESS—TWENTY SECOND DISTRICT.

This convention met in Select Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, and was called to order by Capt. Beltzhoover, who stated that the first business was to appoint secretaries.

Col. Thomas M. Bayne moved Capt. Jas. James S. Steel and Wm. Ludenberg were appointed.

The roll was then called, and the delegates presented their credentials. [We failed to obtain a list of the names.]

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

On motion of Capt. Dalgleish, Gen. A. L. Pearson was chosen permanent Chairman, and the temporary Secretaries were made permanent officers.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Messrs. Thos. MacConnell, Jr., Anthony Bell, W. H. Barnsdall and James Rees were appointed a Committee on Resolutions.

LETTERS OF WITHDRAWAL.

The chairman then read the following letter from Gen. Negley, dated June 9, 1874:

To the President and Members of the Congressional Convention of the Twenty-second District:

GENTLEMEN: Regarding the recent primaries as no fair expression of the choice of Republican voters, I shall be a candidate before the Convention.

Very respectfully, THOMAS HOWARD.

The Chairman also read a letter from David Kirk, Esq., as follows:

To the President and Members of Congressional Conference:

GENTLEMEN: As I have been defeated at the primary election, I consider it unbecoming a public body to waste time in balloting (so far as I am concerned). I therefore withdraw my name as a candidate for Congress. Thanking my many friends for their strenuous exertions in my behalf, and regretting that they were not more successful, more on their account than my own, I cheerfully bow to the will of the majority, as ever should through the proper channels, according to party rules, and will do all I can to secure a election of my successful competitor, and the triumphant election of the entire Republican ticket.

Very respectfully,
DAVID KIRK.

GENERAL NEGLEY NOMINATED.

Mr. J. B. Smith, of the Twenty-second ward, then nominated Brig. Gen. S. Negley as Congressional candidate of the Twenty-second district.

On motion of Mr. Lyon, the nomination was made unanimous.

General Negley was subsequently introduced, and made a brief speech, in which he expressed his thanks for the nomination. He regretted that the Convention moved after the manner it did, as an unpleasant nature, but he, for his part, accepted in the broadest charity, the apology contained in the resolutions, and spoke all feeling of wrongs endured. If re-elected he would confine his time to the House, and labor for the diffusion of knowledge, for equal rights and the protection of American industries. He did not think the party was a lower classes of society, and the protection of capital.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on resolutions reported the following, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, A large majority of the Republican voters of the Twenty-second Congressional District of Pennsylvania have heretofore declared their preference for Hon. James S. Negley as their Representative in the Congress of the United States; and

WHEREAS, General Negley has, by his constant attention to the interests of his district, and his unflinching zeal in behalf of our industrial interests, merited this mark of appreciation; therefore

Resolved, That we, the representatives of the Republicans of the Twenty-second Congressional District, hereby give assurance to General Negley of our continued confidence and cordial support, and hereby recommend him to every one of our fellow citizens interested in the prosperity of the city and district particularly, and the county generally. As a tried and faithful representative of the people, he is deserving of the support of all who appreciate the protection and development of our home industries.

Resolved, That the interest exhibited by General Negley in behalf of the mining and steam boat interests, on the Monongahela river, meets hearty endorsements.

Resolved, That the policy of the Republican party in favor of the protection of American industry, enunciated in local, State and national platforms, meets our hearty approval. Congress shall carefully consider the recent depressed condition of our industries and promptly inaugurate measures to restore to the 500,000 working people, now deprived of employment.

Resolved, That we deem it important to this, as well as to the general interests of our commercial centers, that the free shipbuilding of the country should be liberally encouraged, and to prevent the ruinous competition against Europe in iron shipbuilding thus established as a prosperous and permanent industry.

Resolved, That we also regard it as vitally important that proper encouragement should be extended to the trans-continental lines of railway, in process of construction, in order that their proper springs of influential activity may at once be put in motion, the people and Government benefitted, and the resources of the country developed, and the West opened, and made to contribute to the yearly increase of the commercial wealth of the country.

The convention then adjourned.

CONGRESS—TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

This Convention, composed of delegates to nominate a candidate to Congress from the Twenty-third District, assembled in the Common Council chamber, Allegheny, and was called to order by Mayor Fleming.

Messrs. Alex. Patterson and W. D. Moorhead were chosen secretaries pro tem.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

The credentials were then received from all the districts except Crescent township:

FIRST WARD—JOHN LOWDEN.

Second ward—W. W. Ackley.
Third ward first precinct—John Ekin.
Third ward second precinct—Fred. Lang.
Fourth ward first precinct—J. H. Haslett.
Fourth ward second precinct—Jones.
Fifth ward—Alex. Patterson.
Sixth ward—Caspar Meyer.
Seventh ward—Geo. Berl.
Eighth—John C. Fisher.
Ninth—Jno. Flack.
Tenth—J. O. S. Golden.
Eleventh—P. McGinnis.

BOROUGHS.

McKeesport first ward—E. C. Helpine.
McKeesport second ward—Thos. O'Neil.
McKeesport third ward—Jacob Evert.
Bellevue—W. B. Neil.
Elizabeth—Jas. Graff.
Etna—Henry Lutz.
Millvale—Thos. Robinson.
Sewickley—H. B. Hamilton.
Sharpsburg—N. G. Ayers.
Turtle Creek—Henry Brehling.
Verona—John Clark.

TOWNSHIPS.

East Deer—R. W. Patterson.
Elizabeth, first precinct—Wm. McDonald.
Elizabeth, second precinct—C. W. Sample.
Elizabeth, third precinct—E. B. Copeland.
Elizabeth; fourth precinct—John A. Watson
Fawn—John Ayers.
Forward—P. A. Little.
Franklin—Henry Shelles.
Hampton—James Marshall.
Harrison—Mat. Murdock.
Indiana, first precinct— McPherson.
Indiana, second precinct—Ad. W. Wilson.
Kilbuck, first precinct—John Hamilton.
Kilbuck, second precinct—T. M. Sholes.
Leet—Robert Cahey.
Lincoln—William Neely.
Marshall—Thomas Robinson.
McCandless—James Wallace.
Moon—W. D. Stubbs.
Neville—George A. Cole, J.
North Fayette—Peter Dickson.
North Versailles—A. J. Shoup.
Ohio—David Huff.
Patton, first precinct—W. L. Hunter.
Patton, second precinct—John Thompson.
Pine—S. McCord.
Plum—S. P. Koontz.
Reserve—Charles Froelich.
Richland—Wm. Dickson.
Ross, first precinct—W. T. Moorhead.
Ross, second precinct—Jacob Reidy.
Shaler, first precinct—C. Bauerline.
Shaler, second precinct—Abram Brown.
Sewickley—Jos. McPherson, jr.
South Fayette—John Collins.
South Versailles, first precinct—Joseph Kirkwood.
South Versailles, second precinct—David Lubi.
South Versailles, third precinct—J. L. Penny.
West Deer—Jas. Wallace.
Wilkins—Wm. Neely.

Chairman Fleming congratulated the convention on the harmony with which they had completed the work of the call. He thought this argued well for the first Convention of the Twenty-third district.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

was then announced to be in order, and Col. J. D. Copeland, of Elizabeth, was nominated and unanimously elected permanent chairman.

The following permanent Secretaries were then chosen: Messrs. Alex. Patterson, W. T. Moorehead, Dr. W. L. Hunter, A. J. Schanke, W. B. Neil and R. W. Rew.

It was then moved that the Convention proceed to the nomination of a candidate for Congress, which was carried.

Col. T. M. Bayne and Alex. M. Watson were nominated.

On motion of Mr. Golden, it was decided to call the country districts first. The list was then called, with the following result:

Thomas M. Bayne	17
Alex. M. Watson	17

The Chair announced the result, and on motion the nomination was made unanimous.

Calls were made for Col. Bayne, and in response he came forward, and on being introduced by the chair, returned his thanks to the convention for the kind support which had been accorded him. He assured those who had supported him that he would never betray the trust which had been reposed in him. If elected, he would endeavor to represent them as an honest and honorable man, as he claimed to be. He would protect the river and manufacturing interests of the district, and endeavor to promote the interests of the great Republican party, inside of which he believed to be the proper place for reform.

The remarks of the Colonel were received with enthusiastic applause, and at the conclusion the convention adjourned.

SENATORIAL CONVENTION NO. 1.

This convention met in the Young Men's Club room, Allegheny, and was called to order by Mr. Arthur Hobson.

Mr. George Moul was chosen temporary Chairman, and Messrs. Arthur Hobson and W. H. Douglass temporary Secretaries.

The roll was then called, when Sewickley was reached the McBrier and McNeill delegates (Messrs. Nevin and Glancey) both claimed seats. After some discussion both these delegates were admitted.

A permanent organization was then effected by the election of M. H. M. Long as Chairman.

Messrs. Hugh McNeill and James McBrier were then named as candidates.

THE BALLOT.

On calling the delegates the following votes were cast by the parties named.

For McNeill—First ward Allegheny, H. M. Long; Second ward, James McFarland; Third ward, first precinct, David Lewis; Fourth ward, first precinct, R. M. Blair; Forth ward, Wm. Heagy; Eighth ward, Geo. Moule; Ninth ward, Francis Jones.

Boroughs and townships—Bellevue, W. H. Douglass; Sewickley, R. M. Glancey; Kilbuck, Jacob Eicher; Reserve, Jacob Beckert. Total, 11.

For McBrier—Allegheny City, Third ward, first precinct, Arthur Hobson; second precinct, Linkenfelter; Fifth ward, John H. Trimble; sixth ward, A. J. Price; Tenth ward, A. W. Day; Eleventh ward, Charles Hartman; Sewickley, C. F. Nevin; Ohio, M. Stevens—total nine.

Mr. Douglass then moved that Mr. McNeill's nomination be made unanimous, which was done, and the successful nominee called upon for a speech.

Mr. McNeil then stepped forward and said, smilingly: "I thank you heartily for this honor you have conferred upon me, and if elected, will try to fulfill my duty in the future as I have done in the past.

For delegates to State Convention, Peter Walters and Arthur Hobson were named, and the latter gentleman withdrawing, Walters had the field to himself. His nomination was then made unanimous.

On motion the Convention expressed itself in favor of the delegate acting in the interests of the Hon. J. L. Graham for Lieutenant Governor.

The Convention then adjourned.

SENATORIAL CONVENTION NO. 2

B. B. Coursin, Esq., called this Convention to order at ten minutes past ten. He stated that from information he had received there would be no contest, and consequently there need be no excitement.

Wm. Swisshelm and Samuel Wallace were chosen temporary Secretaries.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

The credentials of delegates were then received. Every district was represented:

PITTSBURGH.

Sixteenth ward, first precinct—Adam Miller.
Sixteenth ward, second precinct—Cunningham.
Seventeenth ward, first precinct—Wm. Scott.
Seventeenth ward second precinct—J. F. Evans.
Eighteenth ward—C. W. Lewis.
Nineteenth ward—Wm. Porterhwaut.
Twentieth ward—J. A. Hiller.
Twenty-first ward, first precinct—C. B. Bostwick.
Twenty-first ward, second precinct—B. Fix.
Twenty-second ward, first precinct—Harley Howard.
Twenty-second ward, second precinct—R. A. Kell.
Thirty-seventh ward—Wm. Anderson.

BOROUGHS.

McKeesport, first ward—W. Patterson.
McKeesport, second ward—W. E. Harrison.
McKeesport, third ward—B. B. Coursin.
Braddock—James Reesenberger.
Elizabeth—Josiah Speer.
Etna—Wm. Hutchinson.
Millvale—C. C. Miller.
Sharpsburg—Peter Kiel, jr.
Turentum—Robert Bowden.
Verona—Geo. L. Lee.

TOWNSHIPS.

Elizabeth, first precinct—John Speer.
Elizabeth, second precinct—Thos. L. Stewart.
Elizabeth, third precinct—David Rankin.
Elizabeth, fourth precinct—John H. Watson.
East Deer—Wm. Street.
Fawn—John Marvin.
Forward—Isaac Wall.
Franklin—Isaac Neely.
Hampton—Robert Scott.
Harrison—James Lemon.
Indiana, first precinct—Alfred Quinette.
Indiana, second precinct—J. G. Weir.
Leet—W. L. Jones.
McCandless—Jacob Allen.
McCandless—Sam. Wallace.
Marshall—George Neely.
North Fayette—Jacob M. Bowman.
Penn—Robert Kidd.
Patton—Robert E. Stewart.
Patton, second precint—Wm. N. Haymaker.
Pine, E. W. Kidd.
Plum, H. W. Hastings.
Richland, J. S. Crawford.
Ross, First precinct—J. M. Brown.
Ross, Second precinct, Geo. F. Quail.
Sewickley, John F. Marks.
South Versailles, First precinct, J. C. Penny
South Versailles, Second precinct, And. McClure.
South Versailles, Third precinct, Benj. Meadowcroft.
Shaler, First precinct, F. M. Magee.
Shaler, Second precinct, Wm. C. Shaw.
Wilkins, First precinct, Wm. Swisshelm.
Wilkins, Second precinct, H. R. Chalfant.
West Deer, Allen Ahey.
Wm. E. Harrison, of McKeesport, was nominated as permanent chairman by acclamation.

The temporary Secretaries were made permanent officers of the Convention.

It was moved to proceed to nominate candidates for State Senator. Agreed to.

Mr. B. B. Coursin nominated Hon. John C. Newmyer, and Mr. Swisshelm Col. Miles S. Humphreys, the latter gentleman declining.

Pending the discussion on a motion to vote *viva voce*, Mr. Bostwick withdrew the name of Mr. Mitchell, and Mr. Newmyer was nominated by acclamation.

R. S. P. McCall was nominated for Senatorial delegate to the State Convention, but subsequently withdrew, and Mr. Thos. S. Mitchell chosen by acclamation.

The Convention then adjourned.

MR. NEWMYER HEARD FROM.

Immediately after adjournment, Mr. Newmyer appeared, and being loudly called on, responded briefly. He thanked the Convention for the honor they had conferred upon him, and for the expression of confidence which the nomination conveyed. He felt a sense of the responsibilities of the position for which he had been named, and assured the Convention that he would endeavor to fulfill the duties, as he understood them, to the best of his ability. [Applause.]

SENATORIAL CONVENTION—NO. 3.

This Convention met in the old City Hall, and was called to order promptly at ten o'clock by Mr. Jenkin Jones, after which Mr. Charles Evans, of the Twenty-ninth ward, was elected permanent chairman.

LIST OF DELEGATES—PITTSBURGH.

Twenty-fourth ward—David Emory.
Twenty-fifth ward—Robt. D. Bracey.
Twenty-sixth ward—Philip Bongarton.
Twenty-seventh ward, Second precinct—Christ Willhelm.
Twenty-eighth ward—Daniel Wenke.
Twenty-ninth ward—Charles Evans.
Thirtieth ward—Richard Jenkins.
Thirty-first ward—David Schering.
Thirty-second ward—Edward Rauft.
Thirty-third ward—John Scott.
Thirty-fifth ward—John Better.
Thirty-sixth ward—Thomas Ralph.

BOROUGHS.

Chartiers—George W. Freeman.
Mansfield—David B. Stewart.

TOWNSHIPS.

Baldwin, First precinct—J. P. Hillman.
Baldwin, Second precinct—Enoch Smith.
Chartiers—Richard Hotton.
Findley—A. H. Burns.
Jefferson—Wm. West.
Lower St. Clair—John Emery.
Moon—James E. McCormick.
Neville—Wm. Thompson.
North Fayette—Jos. McElherron.
Robinson, First precinct—Russell Errett.
Robinson, Second precinct—R. H. Gibson.
Stowe—J. R. Oliver.
South Fayette—Wm. Willhelm.
Upper St. Clair—John W. Connor.

Hon. Miles Humphreys was named as Senatorial candidate, and, on motion, was renominated by acclamation. He acknowledged this deserved compliment in a brief but appropriate speech.

Hon. Russell Errett was elected Senatorial delegate to the State Convention, there being no opposition.

The Convention then adjourned, having been in session about two hours and a half.

LEGISLATURE CONVENTION—No. 1.

This Convention to nominate three members of the House from the Allegheny district was called to order by Mr. John A. Myler. Messrs. Canham and Behrhart were chosen Secretaries *pro tem.*

The credentials of delegates were then received. In the first precinct of the Fourth ward there was a tie between Messrs. Patterson and Anschutz, but there was no other contest. On the matter being referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Hanlon, Brown and McKenna, it was agreed that both delegates should be admitted.

LIST OF DELEGATES—ALLEGHENY.

First ward—Cashman and Behrhart.
Second ward—James Hunter.
Third ward, first precinct—J. R. Brown.
Third ward, second precinct—Wm. Wettach.
Fourth Ward, first precinct—(Tie.)
Fourth ward, second precinct.—H. Berhost.
Fifth ward—Caughey.
Sixth ward—J. H. Grenet.
Seventh ward—C. Hax.
Eighth ward—H. Nesmith.
Ninth ward—W. R. Canham.
Tenth ward—Henry Brehling.
Eleventh ward—W. G. Stubbs.

Mr. James Hunter, of the Second ward, was chosen permanent chairman by acclamation, and the temporary secretaries were continued.

A motion was adopted to vote by ballot, and Messrs. Brown and Wettach were appointed tellers.

THE NOMINATIONS.

The following gentlemen were then named as candidates: Messrs. W. C. Smythe, Samuel Hastings, Alfred Slack, Henry Long, James Walker, ,, D

OIL CITY CASUALTIES.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

OIL CITY, PA., June 9, 1874.

A man named H. Warmker was run over by the cars this afternoon. He attempted to get off the cars while they were in motion and fell under the train, which passed over one leg, crushing it badly and rendering amputation necessary. Warner lives at St. Petersburg, Pa.

At three-thirty this afternoon, we were again visited by a most tremendous thunder storm, the lightning striking in all directions. One crude and two refined oil tanks, belonging to the Economy Refining Company were struck. The crude tank contained ten thousand barrels of oil, the sudden ignition of which sprung the roof of the tank upward, and in falling back again it in some manner smothered the flames. One of the refined tanks contained fifteen hundred barrels of refined oil which ignited but went out of itself, showing a remarkable degree of fire test. The other refined tank was set on fire but was extinguished without much trouble, it being good test oil. About the same time the lightning struck the store of Martindale & Co., the Allegheny river bridge and Hunt & Reynolds' lumber office. No damage was done to the bridge or buildings, but several people were injured. Mr. Reynolds was knocked down, but unhurt. Mrs. Martindale, her little boy at the store of Martindale & Co., and Aggie Switzer, the little cash girl, were struck by the fluid and severely injured, being completely paralyzed. The shock was felt by Agnes Switzer, sister to Switzer. Aside from the above, there were two men and a girl knocked down, who were near the door of the building at the time. The physician reports that Mrs. Martindale and the little girl are doing well and there is no fears for their ultimate recovery. Mrs. Martindale's little boy was stunned but otherwise uninjured.

FROM HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA.

Labor and Laziness—Is It Struck by Lightning—Baccalaureate Sermon.

Special Correspondence of Pittsburgh Commercial.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA., June 8, 1874.

The country among the mountains has put on a glorious beauty after a long delay; farmers are cheered with the prospects of good crops, but terribly pressed with work, while the town idlers and some substantial business men, not greatly troubled with business, many, seem beguiling the finny tribe from the Juniata and its tributary brooks. There is a good yield of potato bugs, and the industrious husbandman harvests a crop of them daily.

As an item for the lightning-rod men, I will notice that the Catholic church (St. Mary's), has a large, handsome spire, surmounted with a gilded cross. Some days ago the steeple was struck by lightning, not at the top, but *about thirty feet lower down.* An explanation would be thankfully received.

The Rev. Dr. Wm. S. Plumer, formerly of Allegheny Seminary, will preach in the Presbyterian church, on the 14th inst., the Baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class of the Hollidaysburg Seminary. The class numbers fourteen members, three of whom are young ladies. Miss Johnston, Miss Keller and Miss Paulson. The commencement takes place on the 18th inst. H.

THE HAMNETT BUTCHERY.

Ortwein's Counsel Make an Application to Continue the Trial Till Next Term—The Court Refuses, and Fixes the Trial for Tuesday Next.

In the Oyer and Terminer, Wednesday, before Judge Stowe, Ortwein, the murderer of the Hamnett family, was brought before the bar, his counsel, Messrs. Swartzwelder and Moore, intending to make a motion for a continuance until next term.

District Attorney Bayne called up the case, and requested that the Court should fix a time for its trial. He said that a number of witnesses on the part of the Commonwealth were present, but he would not press the calling of the case to-day. He would, however, suggest, that it be fixed for next Tuesday.

Judge Stowe—Unless some good cause is shown to the contrary, of course we will let the District Attorney fix his own time.

Mr. Swartzwelder—The counsel representing the defendant would like to say a few words as to the fixing of the time for the trial of the case. It is not necessary for me to say to the Court, I presume, that this case has necessarily created an extraordinary excitement of feeling in the community. The offense itself being of so monstrous and enormous a character would seem to be a greater reason why, in a case of this nature, it should be relieved so far as possible from any feeling of haste, and that such a time should be fixed when the feeling, to a certain extent, shall have subsided. The counsel appointed by your Honor also require time to inquire into the nature and character of the defense, and to make certain arrangements as are necessary. We take it for granted that your Honor is desirous we should do all we can do under the circumstances. We have not time to set up such a defense as the nature of the case demands. I suppose that an application would be made by the District Attorney to fix a time, we have come into Court for the purpose of making application for a continuance of the case until the next term.

The counsel then submitted his grounds for a continuance, among which were the necessity of getting witnesses as to character from New York and New Jersey; the fact that the prisoner cannot have a fair trial in the present inflamed state of public sentiment, etc.

Mr. Moore—At the intervention of by my colleague we have ascertained the places of residence, the names of the persons with whom the defendant has resided, and a very considerable portion of his history, involving some facts which will raise in the mind of any fair person very grave doubts as to the mental condition of this man. I may add that, in my view, while it did not absolutely satisfy, yet it did very nearly satisfy Mr. Swarzwelder, Mr. Lutz and myself, that there was something absolutely defective in this man's intellect. In addition to that, the question as to his condition will have to be examined into in the light of comparatively recent and modern medical and ph; sological learning, which it is impossible for any lawyer to keep himself posted and necessitate the constitution of physicians eminent in that department and the examination of books and authorities. We have already commenced that work, and we intend to push it as rapidly as we can.

Mr. Moore commented on the excitement in the community, and censured the press and the public for clamoring for the blood of the defendant.

Judge Stowe—There are many reasons why it is unpleasant to try a case in the midst of public excitement. But while they might very well hold good in a case where the actual fact of the crime involved no doubt, and the question depends upon such a series of circumstances and evidence as might of itself render it extremely doubtful whether the party charged actually committed the offense: and while, by means of an impalpable public sentiment getting into the jury box, the jury might be influenced to convict against the evidence by reason of this prejudice, yet, in a case such as this seems to be, where the killing is admitted, and the allegation of the defense is merely that of insanity, I do not think it makes so much difference. Then, as to the reference to the public press, if we were to try this case by reason thence, there would be a still greater clamor when it was tried.

As to the matter of time, I think the counsel have done just what their duty required them to do. If they had the least evidence or conviction on their part that this man was not legally and morally responsible, I think it is their duty to make every effort to inform themselves upon that subject, and get all the evidence they can to inform the court and the jury. At the same time, I am very averse to trying questions of this kind before a jury, I think that as long as the Governor has the power to pardon or commute the sentence, that the proper way to try a case for insanity is by a commission of men learned in that profession; that the case should be tried under the ordinary rules of practice, and that the defendant is insane, or that condition called "emotional insanity" is found to exist, let the Governor take the responsibility. I know the practice has grown up, particularly in New York, for trying every man for insanity for nearly every crime, until it has seemed to work out a state of affairs that is not very creditable to the public. I believe that in about every case of alleged insanity now, they appoint a commission, composed of gentlemen skilled in the matter, to pass upon it. After their report the Governor can, if necessary, pardon or commute the sentence. While commending the course of counsel, I cannot conscientiously allow the case to go over. The witnesses referred to are out of the State, and cannot be brought here, except they come voluntarily. I would much rather, if I could do it consistently, try this case where there was no feeling about it, and when the people have forgotten about it. But so far as the jury is concerned, the peremptory challenges and the challenges for cause, are, I think, sufficient to get a jury in this or any case. I cannot consent that the case shall be postponed for a period later than the time suggested. The case will therefore stand fixed for next Tuesday.

Ortwein was then taken back to jail.

FIRE AT SWISSVALE.

The Car Works Totally Destroyed—Loss Over $60,000—Insurance $15,000.

About half-past eleven o'clock Wednesday forenoon, the fine new car shops of the Allegheny Car and Transportation Company, situated at Swissvale station, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, caught fire in the roof, near the stack, and in less than an hour were completely destroyed. There were three large buildings—a two-story machine shop, 75 by 125 feet; a blacksmith shop, 50 by 112 feet, and an erecting shop 75 by 220 feet. These were all supplied with new and valuable machinery. The works were owned by a joint stock company, of which Gen. A. L. Russell was President, and Major J. C. Paul, Manager. The works went into operation about the first of April, and have not been running to their full capacity, as only about thirty-five or forty hands were employed.

There were burned with the works, five of McCarty's patent stock cars, which had been shipped there for repair. They would not have been in the works had it not been for the recent rains, here on the line of the Pan Handler & Co., to satisfy a claim which they had for repairing. These cars were worth about $5,000.

There were also ten new hopper cars, in process of completion, worth about $800 each, which were destroyed, together with about 15,000 feet of mill-worked stuff and other stock.

The building cost about $20,000 and the machinery about $25,000. The buildings occupied between four and five acres of ground, and the works were very complete.

Major Paul saw the fire a few seconds after it caught, his attention having been called to it by a workman who sounded the alarm. Efforts were made to extinguish the fire by throwing water upon it from buckets, but the distance was too great and in a few moments the building was in a sheet of flame, the men having barely time to escape.

The insurance was $15,000, divided among the following companies, in sums ranging from $1,250 to $2,500. National, Philadelphia; Merchants of Providence; Narragansett, Western, Pittsburgh, Fame of Philadelphia, Citizens of Pittsburgh, and South Side of Pittsburgh.

A number of men employed in the works lost their tools, which, in addition to being thrown out of work, will cause them no little embarrassment.

GOOD, IF RELIABLE.

Bonds of the Allegheny Valley Railroad to be Indorsed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

It is whispered about that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company proposes to indorse bonds of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company for an amount sufficient to enable the latter corporation to meet the liabilities now being pressed against it. Nothing positive can be known of the matter, however, until after the meeting of the creditors of the Valley Railroad Company, which will be held on the 16th inst. If this proves true, it will bring joy to the hearts of a great many people along the line of the railroad. It may be mentioned in this connection, that under the influence of the above rumor that Valley bonds stiffened up yesterday, eighty being bid as against seventy on Tuesday.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, June 10, 1874.

It is pretty generally conceded that there will be no financial legislation the present session of Congress. The position taken by President Grant in refusing to countenance any measure not having for its object the ultimate resumption of specie payments, being in opposition to the will of the majority in Congress, will prevent anything being done; for should Congress pass a bill in accordance with its views on the Currency question, it would undoubtedly be met by another veto. We expect to hear the present Congress when it has adjourned, vilified in unmeasured terms for its inaction and do-nothing policy, but it should be borne in mind that in this respect Congress seems to have ceased to be the legislative branch of the government and that the Executive contracts financial legislation. The Senate Finance Committee denounces in unmeasured terms the assumed power of the Secretary of the Treasury to reissue any portion of the redeemed forty-four million of greenbacks, and yet that power has been exercised ever since by the Executive without hesitation. That it is the intention of the Treasury Department to continue the exercise of this power by the withdrawal of that portion of the reserve already issued, is seen in the accumulation of currency in the Treasury, by the sale of over $10,000,000, which, as soon as Congress adjourns, will be charged off against the twenty-six million dollar issue, and thus gradually reduce the legal tenders to $365,000,000.

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June 10, 1874.	10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30	3:00
	A. M.	A. M.	M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Gold	111	111	111	111	111	111
U. S. 6's, 1881	118¼	118¼				
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5-20's, 1862	113⅝	113⅝				
5-20's, 1864	113	113				
5-20's, 1865	117¾	117¾				
5-20's, 1865, new	117¾	117¾				
5-20's, 1867, Registered	120	120				
5-20's, 1868	120⅝	120⅝				
10-40's, coupon	113⅝	113⅝				
10-40's, registered	113⅝	113⅝				
Registered, 1867	116¼	116¼				
New 5 per cent	111	111				
Western Union Tel.	72¾	72¾	72¾	72¾	72¾	72¾
Pacific Mail	41½					
Adams Express	90	90				
Wells, Fargo & Co.	87	87				
American Express	69¾	69¾				
United States Express	67	67				
New York Central	98⅝	99	98¾	98¾	98¾	98¾
Erie	30⅝	30¾	31	31⅛	31⅛	31¼
Michigan Central			93¾			
Michigan Southern	73¾	73¾	73¾	73¾	73¾	73¾
Illinois Central			120			
Cleve. and Pitts.	87	87				
Columbus & Hock.	39	39¼	39⅜	39⅜	39⅜	39⅜
Do. preferred			54¼			54¼
Fort Wayne	96	96				
St. Paul, common	33¾	33¾	33¾	33¾		
Do. preferred	45	45	45	45		
Wabash, common	35¾	35¾	35¾	35¾	35¾	35¾
Do. preferred	54	54	54¼	54¼	54¼	54¼
Ohio and Mississippi	24¾	24¾				
Chicago and Alton	128	128	128	128	128	128
Harlem						
C. C. C. & I. C.						
Tenn. State bonds, old						
Do., new	95	95				
South Carolina, April	19½		19½		19	
South Carolina, July	19½					
Missouri 6's	97		98½			

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	Bid.	Asked.
Pennsylvania Central	97¾	
Pennsylvania scrip	101½	102
Reading	56½	57
United Companies of New Jersey	193	
Oil Creek	42	
Allegheny Valley Railroad 7-30's	89	
Central Transportation Company	no report.	
Empire Transportation Company	78	
Pan Handle 7's	65½	66½

PRODUCE AND GENERAL MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, WEDNESDAY, June 10, 1874.

Trade generally was moderate to-day, being about up to the average of the season. Wholesale merchants generally report their trade for this season, as being less than that of the immediately preceding years, while this is undoubtedly true, we do not think that the inference which is generally drawn, is correct, that the aggregate volume of trade is decreased. On the contrary, when the exact figures are known, it will be found that it will be found that the aggregate trade of Pittsburgh, outside of the iron and hardware business, is fully up to, if not in excess of previous years. There are more business houses in the city than heretofore, and the division of trade makes it seem less to individuals, while the aggregate, shown by the total amount of merchandise, handled is not less.

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PROVISIONS.

BACON AND PROVISIONS—Trade was very active, and fortunately maintained at prices we quote as follows: Canvassed hams, ₱ lb, 14c; shoulders, 9½@10c; sides, 11½c; breakfast bacon, canvassed, ₱ lb, 15c; dried beef canvassed, fic; beef tongues, do, ₱ doz, $7 00; bacon shoulders, 9½@10c; sides, 11½c; clear sides, do, 11½c; mess pork, ₱ bbl, for prime leaf lard, in tierces, ₱ lb, 12½; refined lard in summer use, in tierces: do, 12½c; ½ pails, do, 13c; buckets, do, 13½c; in 3 pails, do, 13½c; in 2 pails, do, 13½c; in 1 pails, do, 14c; in 5 pails, do, 14½c; in ½ pails, do, 14½c; ham sausage, ₱ lb, 10c; lard oil.

FISH—The market is rather dull on some goods, while others are in good demand and unchanged as follows: No. 1 extra mess mackerel, $8 00; No. 1 mess do, $7 00; extra No. 1 shore mackerel, $7 00; No. 1 bay mackerel $9 00; No. 1 bay mackerel $8 00; extra No. 2 shore mackerel, $6 00; No. 2 bay mackerel are held at $6 00 ₱ bbl. New No. 1 mackerel, $16 25. Georges codfish $5 50 ₱ 100; medium trout $5 00; large trout $6 00; Lake herring $5 50 ₱ bbl; Potomac herring, $6 50; Lake herring, $5 50 ₱ half bbl; Potomac herring, $3 50 ₱ half bbl; Burlington herring, sugar-cured, 50 in a box, $4 75. On hir bbls 32c for extra packing charge.

CARBON OIL—We quote carbon oil from store at 21½@24c ₱ gall; in car lots at the usual deduction.

COUNTRY PRODUCE—Market active and firm at 18@19c ₱ ₱. Roll butter, 16@20c; cow and sides 8½@9c; shoulders 7@7½c. Country lard 9@10c, as to quality.

LARD—Market quote extra winter strained 90 @92c ₱ gallon; summer 84@85c. No. 2, 6½@7c.

TALLOW—Country rendered, 6½@7c ₱ ₱, for car lots; for medium. Demand good and market firm.

WOOL.

The wool market here continues rather quiet with holders' views rather higher than present market prices. Pulled wools are rather scarce, but on the whole there is no complaint in the country large stocks of manufactured woolens, and do not seem very likely to give large prices for the same until their present stocks are somewhat reduced. As soon as prospects look favorable these will be the many look for an active movement in wool, but no change in prices need be expected for some months, or until it becomes apparent what manufacturers will do. As to the prospects of the market, a well informed party in the country ent prices of woolen goods, and present condition and prospects of woolen goods markets, present prices are higher than manufacturers can afford to pay. Their small stocks of wool, however, force them to purchase to some extent, but they buy from hand to mouth only. With increased receipts in course of a few weeks we shall not be surprised to see lower prices. We shall likely have a steady market for the present.

The Washington *Reporter* of June 10th says:

As yet we hear of few, if any, sales taking place in Washington county. Holders are firm and buyers quite chary. Mr. Oliver Lacock, of Bethlehem township, was offered forty-seven and a half cents for his clip last week but did not sell. His wool is about an average in quality of the Washington county clip. This offer is three to five cents higher than last year's rates.

The Philadelphia *Commercial List* says: "The receipts of new clipped have somewhat increased, the supplies coming from the nearby States and counties are coming more freely, but as yet there has been no accumulation of stock, and little or nothing to be done to form reliable quotations. The stocks in manufacturers' hands are extremely low, but prices of most descriptions of woolen goods are unremunerative, and there is no disposition to increase the supply on hand in the present condition of trade. The advices from the West indicate that the new clip of fleeces will be in good condition, but in the country are not yet established, and we hope that buyers will avoid the excitement which generally prevails at the opening of a new season. With the present prospect we see no reason why wools should be any higher than last year."

We note purchases of fine XX fleece at 46c; quotations are as follows: Ohio and Western fine delaine, 50c ₱ ₱; tub washed 45@45c; fine fleece 43 @44c; medium 40@42c; common 35@38c; pulled wool 30@35c; unwashed 30@36c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ASHES—Soda ashes, refined 4½@4¾c; common 3½@4c; black lead 5c; arsenic 5c; potash 9c; pearls 10c. All firm and quiet.

ALES—X $9 00 ₱ bbl; XX $10 00 ₱ bbl; India ale $12 00 ₱ bbl; Bass' English ale, in kilderkins of 22 gal, $24 00@25 00; bbls, 11 gals, $10 00@11 00; bbls, 6 gals, $92 50@95 00; in cases, 4 doz bottles, $28 50@30 00; in cases, 2 doz bottles, $28 50@30

Weekly Commercial.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1874.

THEY have a candidate for a Republican nomination to the Legislature, in Philadelphia, named J. B. FITE. Any one treading on the tail of his coat can be accommodated. All his friends stand ready for fight.

POMEROY, the ex-Senator from Kansas, is not to be tried on the charge of bribery preferred against him. The prosecution has been abandoned, and the world will never know whether it should believe him guilty or innocent.

LAST Friday's Wilmington *Commercial* published a statement showing that over two hundred and twenty iron ships, mostly steam vessels, have been built in the yards of that city, and stating that this is a far greater number than have been constructed in all the other shipyards of the country put together. Good for plucky little Delaware.

THE North Carolina excitement is again renewed, Old Baldy being once more in a volcanic throe. Several distinct shocks were felt last week. The general election in that State occurs on the sixth of August, and if Bald Mountain will only have the goodness to be moderately eruptive in the meantime, the Republicans will be pretty certain to sweep the State clean.

THE Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Sawyer, will tender his resignation to the President, inasmuch as he wishes to save Secretary Bristow from any embarrassment on his account.—*Washington Republican.*

This is very kind, on Mr. SAWYER'S part; but we imagine that, if he had not resigned, the embarrassment would have been his, not BRISTOW'S.

THE American Silk Association has just published its statistical report for the month of May. The imports of raw silk into New York and San Francisco during that month were of the value of $307,397, against $380,328 in 1873. The total from July 1 is $4,115,770, against $6,845,740 for the same time last year. The imports of manufactures of silk from July 1, amounted to $21,466,991, against $27,666,049 for the corresponding period last year.

THE latest monthly report of the Bureau of Statistics, just published, shows that, allowing for the difference in warehouse account, the exports from the United States for the eight months ended February 28, this year, were in excess of the imports $36,353,388, while for the corresponding period of 1873 the reverse was the case, the imports exceeding the exports by $5,000,467. These figures tell their own story better than any comments could tell it for them.

"LOOK out for the locomotive." In a suit against the Michigan Central Railroad Company, instituted for the recovery of damages for injuries inflicted by a train whilst the plaintiff was walking on the defendant's railroad track, the United States District Court has just ruled that a person walking on such a track does so at his own peril, and that if the conductor, engineer, and such employees upon the train swore that they did not see him, there was no liability for damages, even if death ensued from the injuries.

THE imports, exclusive of specie, at the port of New York, for the week ending last Saturday, amounted to $8,285,338, against $6,382,231, for the corresponding week last year. The total imports since the first of January foot up $87,739,277, against $108,933,714 for the corresponding period of 1873. The exports, exclusive of specie, for the past week amount to $5,158,171, against $5,396,442 for the corresponding week of 1873. The total exports from the first of January reach $117,839,053, against $116,725,078, same time last year.

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IT is intimated that HON. MONTGOMERY BLAIR will probably be the Democratic candidate for the Sixth Maryland district, his nomination being in furtherance of the Trans-Allegheny Canal scheme, which will bring a strong interest to his support. The agitation of the subject in Congress, and the passage of the WINDOM resolutions for the survey of national routes of cheap transportation, among which this canal project is included, will give the scheme prominence, and Col. BLAIR, being an active manager of the enterprise, will derive some strength from this consideration.

SOME New York capitalists have just leased a peat furnace and peat works from the Lake Superior Company, with the view of instituting exhaustive tests concerning the use of peat as a fuel for smelting iron ores. We are sceptical as to the result, however. According to a recently published English governmental report on peat in the United States, as an article available for fuel, the facts of which were collected by British consuls in this country, under instructions from their government, complete financial failure has waited on every attempt to make peat a cheaper substitute for coal. Forty-seven companies, with capital varying from $50,000 to $5,000,000, have been organized for the purpose of working and preparing the fuel. Not one has succeeded.

THE publication lately made of the President's views on Finance, in a semi-official form, has caused considerable excitement and irritation at Washington. It seems to have convinced no one, and the attitude of Congress towards the President is that of irreconcilability. Nothing that Congress is willing to pass can receive the executive approval, and a sufficient majority cannot be obtained to carry any measure over the veto; so that financial matters are likely to remain *in statu quo* for the present. Congress is for expansion, in some form, and the President is for resuming specie payments; and, between the two, nothing will be done. Congress adjourns on the 22d; and the people may as well make up their minds to a continuance of the present condition of things until the meeting of a new Congress in 1875.

THE Philadelphia papers of Wednesday publish detailed statements of the export trade of that port for May. An increase of $900,529 is shown, as compared with the corresponding month last year, the total exports to foreign ports having been $3,097,281, of which $2,351,987 were in foreign vessels and $745,284 in American bottoms. The total exports from that port to foreign ports, from the first of January to the first of June, were $12,219,111, being an increase of $3,218,101, as compared with the corresponding period last year. The duties received on imports at the same port during the week ending amounted to $215,389 04, against $714,063 53 for the corresponding month of 1873; the total increase this year, over last year, thus far, being $298,554 25.

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THE Illinois railway companies having apparently come to the conclusion that the United States Circuit Court will refuse to take the railroad cases out of the hands of the State Courts, have changed their base of operations, and are now trying to appeal from the decision made in the Court of Sangamon county, to the Supreme Court. Application was made to Judge ZANE, of Sangamon county, for a bill of exceptions, last week, and the whole question at issue between the railroads and the people of Illinois will thus, if the application be successful, come before the Supreme Court for settlement.

The same questions will simultaneously come up in the United States Circuit Court on the question of issuing an injunction to prohibit the enforcement of the Wisconsin Railroad law. This is expected to be argued about the 20th inst.

THE election of Mr. SCOTT as President of the Pennsylvania Central, and of Mr. ROBERTS as vice President, does not materially change the *personnel* of its management. The new organization is not composed of new men, but of men who have been identified with its management almost from its first start in life. Mr. SCOTT has been in the company since it began, Mr. ROBERTS since 1851, and Mr. CASSATT, the General Manager, since 1861. All three have grown up with the road, and are thoroughly familiar with all its details, and the company is exceedingly fortunate in having three such men at its command. Its financial condition is superb, and we venture to predict that, when the people are made fully acquainted with its resources, it will be, under the new management, to the full as popular as under the old.

RUSSIAN PROGRESS.

In spite of the scepticism with which many intelligent persons in England regard the very friendly relations lately established between their country and Russia, the two nations evidently wish to appear to be on the most affectionate terms. After many years of alienation, with deep distrust on one side and arrogant defiance on the other, the two governments have come together, discussed their differences, and apparently agreed upon conditions by which they hope, during many years at least, to avoid hostile collisions and the unpleasant complications which might lead to them. Whether the settlement of the Alabama question followed by an era of good feeling between England and the United States, had anything to do with the reconciliation of England and Russia, and if anything, how much, are questions which cannot at present be answered with any measure of precision or confidence. It is, however, certain that for a long time, whenever a conflict between England and Russia seemed likely or possible, the rulers of each country at once thought of the great Republic as an element in the situation. It is equally certain that Russian statesmen in their disputes with England used the quarrel between England and the United States as an agency of persuasion at one time, and as an agency of menace at another. In the fact there is nothing to gratify intelligent American self-complacency, and there needs be no national vanity in the assumption that when, in spite of Russian influence, England and America became friends through the Washington treaty and the arbitration at Geneva, Russia became conscious of a new motive, or one not fully appreciated before, for entering into friendly relations with Great Britain. Great Britain was equally ready for the settlement, and, free from the anxiety of the Alabama controversy, was able to assume the attitude most likely to secure fair terms in a Russian negotiation.

The delicate and difficult questions which divided the two powers in the far East, in Central Asia, seem to have been completely adjusted. A dozen years ago, the advance of the Russians towards the northern boundaries of British India, was a subject of the most intense and anxious interest to the rulers of the British empire there. Russian agents were supposed to be, on common theories, as common as Prussian spies in France during the late war: every suspicious movement among Hindoos or Moslems was referred by many to Muscovite intrigue. It is difficult to conceive of the change which has come over the British mind in a few years, in consequence of which the English now recognize the Russians as the civilizers of Asia, with rights as valid and respectable as their own. The foundation of their agreement is the recognition of a common interest in the progress of civilization. All jealousy on the subject of Indian commerce is laid aside, and while the British continue to bear rule over India, the Russians carry on their work of subjugation and organization among the fanatical tribes farther North, the regions of central Asia. Afghanistan or the portion of it ruled by the reigning Emir, SHIR-ALI-KHAN, separates the domains of the two powers, the Russians binding themselves not to meddle with the government of Afghanistan, and the English binding themselves to prevent the Afghan Emir, so far as they can by mere influence, from making incursions into territory under Russian protection. In return the Russians agree to use their influence to prevent the Emir of Bokhara from troubling the Lord of the Afghans.

Striking evidence of the absence of the old jealousies, of the complete confidence established between England and Russia in that part of the world was shown in the fact that, when Russia was compelled by unforeseen circumstances to disregard its engagements with England respecting the Khan of Khiva and to take a small portion of his territory, England overlooked the offense, or rather accepted an apology as sufficient indemnity. Some may remember, when word reached Western Europe that the Khan had been forced to acknowledge the Czar's supremacy and to surrender a piece of his land for a Russian fort, all the quidnuncs expected a rupture between Russia and England. There was fair cause, it seemed, but in fact the two powers understood each other too well. They have divided Asia between them, and are not going to war about such a trifle.

Whether the two powers have arrived at an equally satisfactory understanding about the famous "sick man," whether England would cheerfully see the Russians take possession of Constantinople may hardly be a question. It is not likely. Those Britons who believe in the permanence of their present affectionate relations with Russia, do not believe that the Czar wants Constantinople. Indeed, there is a fancy abroad, not only in England but elsewhere, that the present autocrat has become a convert to a sort of mild political liberalism. Having liberated the serfs and established a limited responsible, he is supposed to meditate establishing constitutional government. There may easily be some foundation for the rumor. The Czar may be sagacious enough to perceive that in no other way can he modify for the better the very unsatisfactory and dangerous tendencies prevalent among extensive classes of his subjects. Absolutism has worked as ill in Russia as elsewhere. Certainly if the Czar does not contemplate a change or modification in his mode of rule, it should seem to be bad policy for him to form such very intimate relations with free England. As his majesty of course knew would be the case, the effect of his daughter's marriage with an English prince and of the recent political relations with England has been to give an astonishing vogue and currency to English ideas, customs and fashions among the Russian people. Whereas formerly all learned French and studiously imitated French ways, France being the great exemplar and model in most matters, all are now learning English, speaking English, especially reading English; the demand for English books and newspapers has increased enormously, and English ways of thinking also are fast getting into fashion. It would be idle to suppose that these things can be without important practical results, and if the tendencies thus started are allowed to take their proper course, the results can hardly fail to be good, beneficent in the advancement of liberty and civilization.

THE Republican National Convention which met at Chicago in 1860 classed Slavery and Polygamy together as "twin relics of barbarism." Slavery has been wiped out, but Polygamy remains. It is as much a relic of barbarism as it was in 1860, yet Congress dallies and trifles with it, allows its own laws classing Polygamy as a crime to be set at naught by admitting a polygamist to a seat upon its floor, and refuses to speak the word necessary for the extinction of what it has itself classed as a crime.

The singular claim has been set up that as Polygamy is a part of the Mormon religion, we are bound to tolerate it. If this be so, then any other crime may be adopted as a religious tenet, and sheltered behind religious intolerance. Murder is as much a part of the religion of a Thug as polygamy of a Mormon, and as conscientiously believed in; and there is no crime in the calendar that might not seek a similar protection. Religion that involves immorality and crime takes itself out of the category of toleration. For the mere opinions of Murmondom or for the holding of a belief in its creed, there should be the fullest toleration, but for any immorality or essentially wrong practice Mormons must be held to as strict an account as other people. A bigamist is a bigamist, whether he live in Pennsylvania or Utah, and he cannot plead his religion as a bar against punishment for his offense.

THE railroad war, in Wisconsin, has got into the United States Court, and we shall therefore soon get an authoritative decision upon the legal questions involved. Judge LAWRENCE, of Chicago, formerly Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Illinois, has filed a bill in behalf of the bondholders of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company, in the Circuit Court of the United States for the Western District of Wisconsin, praying the court to restrain the Railway Commissioners of that State from fixing any rates for the transportation of persons and property over the roads of said company, under and in pursuance of the act approved March 11, 1874, or from classifying under the provisions of said act any articles of freight or property which are not now classified, and that the said Railway Commissioners" and the Attorney General, "and each of them, be enjoined from arresting, or causing, or aiding, or abetting the arrest of any of the agents of said railway company under the provisions of said act, or from instituting, or causing to be instituted, against said railway company, or its agents or officers, any suit or suits, or other proceedings, for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of said act." The effect of the injunction, if granted, will be to prevent the further operation of what is known as the "POTTER" law; and if refused the constitutionality of the POTTER law will be legally recognized.

HARDLY any public event of the season promises to be attended with so many historic ceremonies, characters and reminiscences as the reunion in Chicago of the old-time anti-slavery heroes, which commences to-day and continues during three days. The proceedings will consist of addresses pertaining to the origin, progress and triumph of the Anti-Slavery Reform, with biographical sketches of prominent actors in the reform; personal recollections and reminiscences, and singing the old songs of liberty. Many distinguished men from various parts of the country will be present, and we can well understand how the hearts of these grizzled workers for humanity will burn within them as they recal to each other the incidents, and trace again the progress of the great movement which, once derided as fanaticism, has culminated in the freedom of the enslaved, the unity of the country, and the recognition of the political rights of those in whose behalf the work was undertaken. Then, it was a little grain of mustard seed; now, its branches overshadow the whole land.

THE Philadelphia *North American* prides itself upon the fact that the Pennsylvania Railroad is a purely Pennsylvania institution. It says:

Mr. Thomson himself was a native-born Pennsylvanian, descended from the stock brought over by William Penn with his first colony. Colonel Scott is also a native Pennsylvanian, identified with the State and city in his entire career, and wholly and solely developed into what he is by the opportunities here afforded. Mr. Roberts, who succeeds Colonel Scott as First Vice President, is, like Mr. Thomson, descended from the primitive Quaker stock. Mr. Cassatt, the general manager, and Mr. Kneass, the Assistant President, are also native Pennsylvanians. In the Board of Directors the same element has always predominated.

In fact this great corporation was founded, built up, fortified and extended by the genius, the vigor, the capital, and the courage and faith of Philadelphians and Pennsylvanians, and within the limits of this Commonwealth it owes absolutely nothing to any other elements.

THE New York *Mail* stigmatizes Pennsylvania as "the noisiest and hungriest of all the States;" the occasion of its ill-mannered and mendacious outburst being Senator CAMERON'S very just complaint that in the expenditure of moneys for internal improvements, Pennsylvania had been shamefully neglected. But the statement of the Senator is true. For instance, not a cent was provided for the important harbor of Erie, in the River and Harbor Appropriation bill, recently passed by Congress, while liberal appropriations were made for the smaller and much less important ports of Dunkirk, New York, and Ashtabula, Ohio. The fact is, that the Keystone Commonwealth is so rapidly outstripping the "Empire State" in all the elements of enduring prosperity and greatness, as to make the latter turn pale with jealousy and apprehension whenever its name is mentioned.

THE Church *Journal*, of New York, heretofore a High Church organ, has a loud call upon the next General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church to show its hand boldly with reference to the present distractions in the Church at large. The editor demands that the lower house join with the Bishops and declare that adoration of the Sacrament is not the doctrine of the Church, and that all ceremonial tending to teach such adoration is perilous and contrary to the mind of the Church and the Prayer Book. The article says:

"It will then be for the man who persists in teaching such doctrine, or countenancing such practices, to justify himself at the bar of the common sense and the common honesty of men. He will need neither presentment, accuser nor summons."

REMARKING on the recently published report of the New York State Superintendent of Banks, showing an aggregate savings bank deposit of $285,000,000, an increase in nine years of $175,000,000—the London *Agricultural Gazette* contrasts it with the $310,000,000 total deposits in the postoffice and other savings banks of Great Britain, and says: "While one State in America holds nearly the same deposits in savings banks as the whole of Great Britain, and the increase has been $35,000,000 in one case, and in the other only £18,000,000 in the past nine years, we are not likely to see the current of emigration reversed or stayed." There is a good deal of meaning in these few words.

JUDGING from the returns of the Oregon election, there were about 10,000 votes cast in the county at the November election—as many as were cast in Philadelphia. Yet Oregon, with her 10,000 votes, has a member of Congress and two United States Senators, and Congress is asked to continue and perpetuate this style of thing by admitting Colorado and New Mexico as separate States. We object, most decidedly. The whole three, Oregon, Colorado and New Mexico, have not as large a population as our county of Allegheny.

J. Edgar Thomson's Successor.

[From the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

The new President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Thomas A. Scott, is known throughout the country as one of the ablest railroad men in the country. He is now in his fiftieth year, having been born in London, Franklin county, on December 28, 1824. After serving as a clerk in several country stores he became the clerk of Major James Patton, his brother-in-law, who was collector of tolls at Columbia, on the State road. He next became a clerk in the extensive warehouse and commission establishment of the Leeches, at Columbia. In 1847 he left this position to come to Philadelphia as chief clerk to A. Boyd Cummings, the collector of tolls at the eastern terminus of the public works. Finally, in 1850, he entered the regular service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, being stationed at Duncanville, as general agent of the Mountain or Eastern Division of the road.

On the completion of the Western Division, he was placed in charge of that section, but was soon made the successor of General Herman J. Lombaert, who retired on account of ill health, as General Superintendent of the entire line. In 1859, on the death of the Hon. William B. Foster, the vice president of the road, he was elected to that position and retained in it uninterruptedly up to the time of Mr. Thomson's death, being designated first Vice President when it became necessary to divide his duties.

At the outbreak of the war in 1861, Colonel Scott became the assistant of Governor Curtin in equipping and forwarding troops to the field. He was soon called to Washington as Assistant Secretary of War, in charge of transportation and supplies, a position which he held until June, 1862, when his railroad duties called him back to Philadelphia.

Colonel Scott's labors, however, have not been confined to the one company. He has been from its organization in March, 1871, the President of the Pennsylvania Company, the property through which the Western roads leased by the Pennsylvania Railroad are operated; president of the Pan Handle route (Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railway), and from 1871 to 1872 president of the Union Pacific Railroad, from March, 1871, to March 1872, when this road passed under the control of Vanderbilt, previous to the Credit Mobilier Scandal, since its organization on April 15, 1871; president of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad (which is to follow the thirty-fifth parallel of latitude), since August 9, 1873; a controlling a director of the Southern Railway Security Company, which has the management of a great network of roads in the South, and a director of the Kansas Pacific, Denver and Pacific, Denver and Rio Grande (narrow gauge) and numerous other roads, and he has just declined the position of president of the Erie Railway of New York.

Mr. George B. Roberts, newly elected first vice president, is seven years younger than Colonel Scott, and is one of the best civil engineers in the country. He first entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as rodman, and after serving about one year in that capacity, left the company's employ. In June, 1852, he re-entered the company's service as assistant to the late President Thomson, a position he held until May, 1869, when he was elected fourth vice president. In recognition of his valuable services he was annually re-elected to this position until 1873, when he was advanced to the office of second vice president.

INTERESTING facts given in a Liverpool paper prove that the working classes of that borough—and they are not exceptional—have become meat eaters to such an extent that the consumption of bread has seriously and proportionately declined. The dearer food has supplanted the cheaper. In one street the butchers' shops during fifteen years have increased from seven to thirty; while the number of bakers' shops has remained the same. Oat meal, also, which formerly was largely sold, is now scarcely bought at all by the poor. No more striking proof could be given of the general advance of the workingmen in material comfort.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

Hearth and Home will hereafter be published by the *Graphic* Company.

If Pittsburgh is to celebrate the Fourth of July, it is time that some steps were being taken in the premises.

The amount of government revenue derived from fermented liquors, during the past ten years, is $62,274,737.

Well; at all events it is cheering to know that the new Secretary feels that there is responsibility about his position.

The elephant, like the whale, is said to be dying out. In India he is becoming almost as rare as the red deer of England.

A Bourbon paper out West asks us some questions concerning the Democratic party. It isn't worth while to discuss a dead evil.

Chicago has not less than four to six thousand young men who have no business, no occupation, no stated employment.

Back-payster Garfield is very much disgusted with the newspapers. The newspapers are very much disgusted with the back-paysters.

The condition in life which is inglorious is to be ashamed to work, and the point of victory is to know how to work and never be ashamed to own it.

The principal and accrued interest on certain specified five-twenty bonds will be paid on the 3d of September next. After that date interest on them will cease.

The coming wheat crop in England is expected to be very abundant, as the spring frosts only checked the over luxuriant tendency of wheats on well farmed lands.

Richmond, Va., has a new branch of industry. The *Enquirer* of that city has a leading editorial with the heading, "Our infant manufactures." Probably cradles.

The immortal onion! A specimen of this vegetable buried in a vase six hundred years ago, in France, has just been set out, and is sending up its stalks vigorously.

The Spaniards are beginning to wake up to the necessity of pushing their foreign commerce. They have just inaugurated a line of steamships between New York and Havre.

It is a notable fact that those who profess to believe that the mixing of children in the same public school is nothing but social equality, are chiefly those who have practised it.

Chicago papers state that their lake tunnel diggers are continually striking sulphur springs. And yet the reckless impiety of the Chicagoans continues unabatedly.

Reports that this or that "strike" is ended, and that in almost every case it has resulted in the complete defeat of the striking parties, come from all parts of the country.

It is now hinted that Sawyer, the late Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, will be nominated as Minister to Austria. He should be ostracised in a very different manner.

Senator Bogy is opposed to educating the Indian. He thinks that an educated Indian is a bad Indian. Senator Bogy is an educated Democrat. He generally becomes a Republican.

Active movements are in progress in all the leading southern cities in favor of establishing direct trade with Europe. It is doubtful, however, whether they will succeed directly.

A Georgia printer is engaged in making a press after an entirely original plan, which will print both sides of a newspaper, turning it out complete in one revolution of the machinery.

PERSONAL.

Dean Stanley has been helping to dedicate a dissenting chapel in London, and is thereby the cause of more objectionable use of the English language than ever.

Let us strive to live so that the local paper may say of us as of Philip Burns, of Delaware: "His hat wasn't always cocked over the left ear, but he didn't owe a butcher in town."

Precocious idiocy: The youths of Apple Grove, Va., "some not in their teens and none beyond them," as the Richmond *Enquirer* says, had a joust, or tourney, a few days ago, the Knight of the Red Breast, age 19, especially gaining applause for his gallant bearing.

Professor Swing appears happy at his present release from the turmoil, and proposes a trifle of relaxation. On the 10th of this month, in company with Henry Ward Beecher, Dr. Chapin, the Rev. Mr. Alger, Dr. Powers, and a few other ecclesiastical luminaries, he will depart for a two weeks' trip to Colorado.

James T. Field says that since 1854 there has not graduated from any American college a man who has as yet made any great mark either as a lawyer, an orator, a statesman, a poet, a preacher, an essayist, or an historian. Only a few years have men distinguish themselves in these departments before the are forty.

A Miss Skillings is claiming several acres of land in the heart of Portland, Me. She has been at work for months in the office of the Register of Deeds, and alleges that the lease of the property to Enoch Hisey, by which the present possessors hold it, will expire in March, and that it will be hers. But the occupants certainly have time enough to prepare to move.

Disraeli's constituents, having presented him with the exact sum which he spent in securing his election, £1,516 18s., he responded that while he considered the confidence of his constituents a reward for his services, he could only look upon the gift as the act of a generous and high-spirited constituency which it would be presumption to decline.

Mrs. Sartoris has cordially invited all her bridesmaids to visit her at her home in England, and there is some probability that her invitation will be accepted in one or two instances. Her home is a few miles from Southampton, and almost opposite the beautiful Isle of Wight. Her husband has a fine steam yacht now building on the Clyde, in which he, his wife, and a party of American friends will make a cruise in August.

A London letter to the California *News Letter* tells a pathetic story of two California poets stranded in Rome, where they are patiently awaiting remittances to enable them to pursue their travels. They are occupying conjointly a twelve dollar per month room in the Eternal City and subsisting for one month of the time on a diet of bread, coffee, and macaroni, at an expense of thirty cents per day each. Joaquin Miller is one of them.

The Coffee Speculation.

[From the Philadelphia North American.]

It is at length fully proven, just as we had expected, that the remarkable rise in the price of coffee, in the face of the abolition of the American tariff on the article, was the result of a vast speculative combination, having its centre in Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hamburg. The most elaborate and ingenious calculations were circulated, magnifying short crops, deficient stocks and increased consumption. This is usual in all such cases, but the only basis generally is the same as in this coffee movement—pure speculation. In 1870 the price of coffee in the cities named was 60 to 70 centimes per kilo, and from this it rose in 1872 to 86 centimes, and in last February to 1.45 to 1.50 centimes, specially in Antwerp merchants, and went on until these merchants have lost £220,000, and find themselves stranded, with 80,000 bags of coffee at Antwerp and more to arrive. What the situation must be at other centres of the coffee trade may be easily conjectured.

No advantages accrued to the cities of Holland, England and America, as well as those of Germany and Belgium, prices have been kept up and stocks firmly retained, apparently by consent of combination, for some purpose of forcing the restoration of the American tariff on coffee, which would have enabled the holders to unload to advantages. But the reason why the prices has been to reduce largely the consumption of coffee in Europe, and so render the operations of the speculators more difficult. It has produced a visible effect in restoring the tariff on coffee, though the late Secretary of the Treasury advocated the policy of doing so. One effect of the long-continued high prices is a large increase in the Brazilian coffee crop. This generally happens in such cases, high prices always stimulating cultivation.

Modern Alcoholism.

The laborious way of getting drunk by drinking wine would never have suited modern tasts, which simplifies everything. By distillation we separate the enervating principle of alcoholism which wine contains and which, in the form of wine, is not in fashions, possesses in a smaller volume a greater activity. Alcohol has all the faults and none of the virtues of wine. In fact in the operation of distillation all the substances which give to wine a hygienic or alimentary value have disappeared, and tannin, the tartrates, the phosphates, and the volatile oils are left as residuary material in the distillate. But the production of spirits of wine, though slightly favorable to drunkenness, would never have given to temperance the development it has since made unless this had been followed by the discovery of the alcohols of potatoes, mangel-wurzel, rice, rye, and Indian corn. The brandies, cognacs, the champagnes, and armagnac always held a high price, which prevented their general diffusion. The alcohols of grain, on the contrary, have always been low-priced, and their production is illimitable. Thenceforward the abuse of ardent spirits knew no obstacles. Without reckoning the moral disposition of the drinkist and the strength of vicious habits, everything conspired to the extension of alcoholism—the abundance and cheapness of the liquor.—*Revue des Deux Mondes.*

STATE NEWS.

The debt of Lancaster city is $482,154.

Chicken cholera prevails in Clinton county.

Counterfeit five-cent nickles bother the people of Erie.

They are arresting all the corner loafers in Reading. Right.

It costs $10,800 a year to run the Holly water works in Titusville.

The wheat crop of the Cumberland and Lebanon valleys will be large.

Grove Brothers, at Danville, are talking about blowing out their furnaces.

The Wesley Zion church, Lewistown, will be dedicated on Sunday, 14th inst.

The Schuylkill county grand jury found seventy-eight true bills, last week.

Three churches and fifty houses are being built in Jamestown, Mercer county.

A woman in Waynesburg is reading the bible through for the forty-eighth time.

Henry Shannon, a boatman, died very suddenly in Williamsport on the 5th inst.

Since the last report, made a month ago, seven couples have applied for divorce in Erie.

Franklin Shay, aged ten years, was killed by the cars in Harrisburg on the 6th inst.

Willie Jones, a child of three years, was drowned in the canal at Williamsport, last week.

Carlisle has a heavy Goose—a black one—weight 380 pounds. Her first name is Mary.

Eight buildings in Bucks county were struck by lightning and destroyed, last week.

Dr. George W. Oakeley died in Reading on the 2d inst., of dropsey, aged sixty-eight years.

Asa Whitney, the noted car wheel manufacturer of Philadelphia, died on the 4th inst.

H. T. Cochrane, Esq., has sold his interest in the Mt. Pleasant *Journal* to Mr. A. C. Haverstick.

Mr. Henry, of the Armstrong *Republican*, has withdrawn the suit for libel against Sam Young.

Samuel I. Zeigler, aged forty, drowned himself in Windsor township York county, a few days ago.

Robert Kelly, aged twenty-six, hung himself in a barn in Cheltenham, Bucks county, last week.

The *Press* calls upon the authorities of Philadelphia to "remove the 'toad stools' from the squares."

The next annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Amateur Press Association will be held in Johnstown.

The wages of employees of the Roberts Iron Company, Allentown, have been reduced ten per cent.

A child of Henry Cleaver, of Shamokin, aged twenty months, was accidently burned to death on Saturday.

Circulation to the amount of $150,000 has been secured to a new bank to be established in Norristown.

Mrs. Mary Young, aged seventy-four years, died suddenly of heart disease, in Reading, on the 3d inst.

Henry Delbert and William Patton were drowned at Danville on Sunday last, while bathing in the Susquehanna.

The Brady's Bend Iron Works were sold on Monday by Sheriff Boyd, and were bid off to Colonel W. D. Slack for $97,000.

James B. Chamberlain has been appointed clerk to the commission appointed to propose amendments to the Constitution.

The washing of four hundred sheep in Pursely creek, Greene county, caused the death of thousands of fish in that stream.

There is great mortality among the sheep in certain parts of Greene county. The disease is said to be that known as "paper skin."

The new furnace of the Topton Iron Company has been completed, but will not be put into blast until the dawn of better times.

George Miller, aged fifty-four years, fell dead while working in his field in West Salem township, Mercer county, on the 1st instant.

The young woman Thomas, who took a big dose of morphine in Titusville on Thursday, died on Friday. One more unfortunate.

A colored boy of seventeen, Charles Shadney by name, was drowned in the canal at Harrisburg on the 5th inst., while bathing.

Henry Sierer, constable and tax collector of Wiconisco, Dauphin county, has gone gloriously, taking with him $2,000 of county funds.

The city government of Williamsport expended $91,927 last year. The outstanding debt is $660,730, and the revenues of the year $108,150.

Miss Polly Rentzheimer, of Hellertown, told bad stories about Dr. A. J. Harris. He sued her for slander, and got a verdict for $600 damages.

John Widener, of Warwick, Chester county, injured himself so badly a few days ago by lifting a heavy stone, that he has since died.

Many of the ore mines in Berks and Lehigh counties have suspended work, and more will soon follow suit, there being no market for the ore.

The Republicans of Crawford county will hold their primary elections on the 18th inst., and the return judges will insect the day following.

The pastor of the Welsh Baptist church in Pottsville was sued for slander by one of his female parishioners, and was mulcted in damages.

By the explosion of a boiler at the Prentice oil well, Foxburg, on Friday, James White and John Black were seriously, perhaps fatally, injured.

A man is no man at all in Bedford, nowa-days. Smith Hill, was taken before Squire Dehring at Mauch Chunk, and released on $2,000 bail for his appearance before court, which commences June 15th. The general impression is that he is innocent. There is no evidence that would lead to a conviction.

John Lowber Welsh, Esq., of Philadelphia, at present in London, has met with remarkable success in negotiating a $2,000,000 loan of the Northern Central Railroad. For the $2,000,000 offered on the British market Mr. Welsh received applications from investors amounting to $40,000,000. As a negotiator of American loans in London, Mr. Welsh has achieved a great success.

General Robert Fleming, one of the veterans of the Williamsport bar, died at his residence in that city on the 30th ult., aged seventy-three years. He had practiced law since 1826; was a member of the National Convention of 1837, and served one term as State Senator. In 1858 he was nominated for Congress by the Democracy, but was defeated by Hon. James T. Hale, Republican.

The Baltimore *American* says the Northern Central Railway has negotiated its new consolidated ten million loan. Six millions of the loan are to be used to secure bonds already issued, and the remainder is to provide for the floating debt and for such terminal and other facilities, improvements and equipments as may be deemed necessary to properly conduct the business of the road.

There appeared last week, in the obituary columns of the Philadelphia *Ledger*, notices of the deaths of nine persons—three men and six women—who had lived to or beyond the advanced age of eighty years, to wit: Abraham House, aged 80; Mary Jarvis, 81; Susanna Hess, 83; Henry Stoy, 83; Hannah Spiegle, 84; Sarah Williams, 84; Mary Lukens, 87; Elizabeth Ulrich, 89, and Thomas P. Sherborne, 95.

Edward Klatz was arrested on the 2d inst., at Summit Hill, Carbon county, for the murder of Kate Leimbach. Klatz is a young man, about eighteen years of age, who was mentioned in the first accounts of the affair as being the reputed father of Kate Leimbach's child. He is the son of a prominent hotel-keeper of Summit Hill, and it appears that subsequent facts have added to him from the discovery of the affair.

IN 1770 the bride of a Governor of Pennsylvania, who had to get her trousseau from England, sent the following order: "A fine domestic cloth for twenty-one shillings; a neat piece of another mount for twenty-five shillings' needles, No. 4 to 10; four pair of black calima shoes; eight dozen cap wires and a handsome spring silk." The list also included the sending of a gown to be dyed over, "of any color which would take best."

Wm. Arnold Cannon disappeared on Wednesday night, the 20th ult., and has not since been heard from. He was aged about seventeen years, rather small for his age, with red hair, light complexion and of a bashful disposition. He wore a drab coat, dark pants and a chip hat when he disappeared. Any information as to his whereabouts will be thankfully received by his parents. Address Matthew Cannon, Centerville, Mercer county, Pa.

The Greensburg *Argus* says: John Lopes, of East Huntingdon township, who was so badly beaten by some roughs in April last, has since died of the injuries received at their hands. Previous to his death Lopes made an information against six of his assailants, and on Monday, one of them, Jno. Murphy, was arrested and bound over to Court. The rest managed to elude the officer. There are two other warrants out against the same parties.

During the three past months the convicts in the Lehigh county prison have made 5,776 yards of carpet. The Allentown *Democrat* says: Of the aggregate quantity for the three months, one convict alone wove over 900 yards—making for himself seventeen dollars by overwork. This prison labor is extremely valuable, not only as a means of lessening the expense of the county, but as a means of ameliorating the present condition of the convicts, and opening the prospects of an honorable and useful life in the future.

Recently a Philadelphia machinist exhibited an iron globe, no larger than a gallon jug, full of cold vapor, showing a pressure of twenty thousand pounds to the square inch, and neither time nor temperature diminished its tremendous power. The discovery is said to have been accidental. The inventor was experimenting with an engine run by compressed air and a vacuum when to his profound astonishment he stumbled on the cold vapor secret; and it was some time before he could make a gauge strong enough to test its power.

The Lancaster *Express* says: Lancaster should be called the "City of Churches." With a population of less than twenty-five thousand, she has twenty-eight places of public worship, divided as follows: Lutheran, five; Reformed, four—including the College Chapel; Episcopal, three; Catholic, three; Methodist, three; Baptist, two; Presbyterian, two; Evangelical Alliance, two; Church of God, one; Mennonite, one; Moravian, one; Hebrew, one. We also have a Swedenborgian Society, but they are at present without a public worship.

The abundance of fish in the lower Susquehanna during the present season seems to have been almost unprecedented. The Havre de Grace *Republican* declares that during several days of last week such immense schools of shad and herring came up the bay that the fishermen had to slacken up and make fewer hauls than usual, or they would have taken more than they had capacity to handle. As it was, the Philadelphia and Baltimore markets were glutted with fresh shad, and everything available for striking herring was utilized, and the stock of salt and barrels exhausted in putting them up.

The Beaver *Argus and Radical* says: Mrs. Lyon, relict of the late James Lyon of Beaver, was ninety-two years of age last Saturday. She resides in this place, and has wonderful mental powers for one of her age. She came to Beaver, first in 1799, and in 1801 she became a permanent resident of the town. She has lived here ever since, and nothing gratifies her more than to meet with some one near her own age and with whom she can converse about circumstances which transpired three or four score years ago. Mrs. Lyon is in good health, and, with the exception of her eye sight, is in possession of all of her faculties.

The Erie *Dispatch* says: The calamity which has overtaken the beautiful borough of Conneautville will fall with almost crushing weight on many of the sufferers. By the recent robbery of the National Bank at that place its citizens were defrauded of some $60,000 of hard-earned cash. This was a very heavy loss for the little village and was most severely felt. But the fire, following so closely on the heels of the robbery, and destroying property valued at nearly $100,000, is a terrible calamity to a place the great majority of whose population are in moderate circumstances. The enterprise and thrift that have hitherto distinguished its people will no doubt set to work vigorously to repair the ruin, but it will be long before the restoration is completed.

The Altoona *Tribune* says: In the month of September last Messrs. Thomas McCauley and James Lowther, of this city, purchased the half of a tract of land containing four thousand and four hundred acres, located in Clearfield county, and known as a part of the Flynn tract, for which they paid the sum of $75,000. Last week Mr. Thomas McCauley purchased the additional half of the tract, paying a like sum of $75,000 for it. This land contains alm